



ALAMEDA COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

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ACA GENERAL SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 9, 2026

9:30AM – 12:00PM

In-Person Meeting

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)

Maxwell Park Room

[\(Directions to Conference Room\)](#)

6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)
 Oakland, CA 94605

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Schedule is subject to change and all times are approximate.

Agenda Item	Material Provided	Presenter	Time (all times approximate)
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL		Chair	9:30 – 9:35
APPROVALS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Today’s Meeting Agenda ▪ Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2026 	Minutes attached	Chair/Commission	9:35 – 9:40
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA		General Public	9:45 – 9:50
COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative retreat schedule 6/8/26 • Schedule and attendance reminders 		Chair	9:50 – 10a



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Agenda Item	Material Provided	Presenter	Time (approximate)
PRESENTATION: California Senior Legislature	Presentation attached	John Pointer Chair Joint Rules Committee CA Senior Legislature	10:00 – 10:15
PRESENTATION: AB-1069 Older adults: emergency shelters and PAL process		Charles Balderama Sanchez, Management Analyst, Social Services Agency – Government & Community Relations	10:15-10:25
AAA DIRECTOR’S REPORT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AAA Administrative Updates ▪ Program/Contracts ▪ RFPs 		Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Director, Area Agency on Aging	10:25 -10:35
ACA PRESENTATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation for BOS – Social Services Committee (for submission to Social Services Agency) • Draft Presentation to Mayor’s Conference (content only) 	Presentations are attached.	Chair McMichael-Cady Commissioner Goetz	10:35 – 10:50
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Vision Statement 	Draft Vision Statement	Commission	10:40 – 10:50
PROPOSED COMMISSION RECESS DATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 2026 ▪ December 2026 		Commission	10:50 – 10:55



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<p>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive ▪ Public Relations ▪ Legislative ▪ Service Delivery 		<p>Committee Members</p>	<p>10:55 – 11:10</p>
<p>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA</p>		<p>Public</p>	<p>11:10 -11:15</p>
<p>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcements 		<p>Commissioners, Staff, Public</p>	<p>11:15 – 11:20</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>		<p>Chair</p>	<p>11:20</p>

ACA UPDATES:

- 2/9 – ACA Public Relations Committee (9a before general meeting)**
- 2/9 ACA Services Delivery Committee Meeting (immediately following General meeting)**
- 2/12 - County closed in observance of Lincoln’s Birthday**
- 2/16 - County closed in observance of Washington’s Birthday**
- 2/23 – Commission presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Social Services Committee, 2:30p.**
- 3/9 – Next General meeting**
- 6/8 – Tentative commission retreat**

Attachments:

- California Senior Legislature Presentation
- ACA Presentation to Board of Supervisors – Social Services Committee
- ACA Mayor’s Conference Draft Presentation
- Draft Vision Statement



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<p><u>ACA Commissioners Present</u> Denyse McCowan (Vice-Chair) Helen Mayfield John Schinkel-Kludjian Johnny O’Brien Michael Goetz Priscilla Banks Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair)</p> <p><u>Commissioners Absent</u> Barbara Price Dori Ellis</p>	<p><u>County of Alameda Staff Present</u> Amritpal Gill Janet Weisman Janine Carlson Jennifer Stephens-Pierre Kim Fogel Min Feng Rhoda Turner Zalae Etienne</p>
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Guests: Jenny Pardini and Jacqueline Scoggins

Item	Discussion / Action Item
A. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 9:40 am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to accept the Strategic Planning Meeting minutes from 10/27/2025. (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Denyse McCowan Passed Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 11/10/2025. (M) Denyse McCowan (S) Johnny O’Brien Passed





<p>C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGEDA</p>	<p>No public comment given.</p>
<p>D. COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Social Services Committee, 2/23/2026, 2:30pm 	<p>Chair McMichael-Cady made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for presentation to the Board of Supervisors on February 23. • Draft slides have been prepared and require review for content and alignment with agency templates. • Suggested additions: list of commissioners, current vacancies, and recruitment efforts.
<p>AAA DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA Administrative Updates • Program/Contracts • RFP’s • Holiday Baskets – THANK YOU! • Advocacy Training (tent. Feb. 2026) 	<p><i>Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director, provided updates on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing AAA 2026 goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on visibility, compliance, and administrative support. ○ Implementation of processes and procedures from 2025. ○ Phase 2 build-out of AAA database. ○ Report on 2025 goals will be presented in March 2026. • Holiday Baskets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appreciation was expressed to all Commissioners who participated in the holiday baskets. The activity was noted as enjoyable and successful. Commissioners were informed that photos from the event will be featured in an upcoming newsletter. ○ Special recognition and appreciation were given to Ms. ZaZa and Ms. Min for organizing the holiday baskets. It was noted that this was their first time coordinating the activity, and they were commended for doing an excellent job and making the process appear seamless. ○ Positive feedback from community partners and corporate sponsors (Target, Amazon).



- **Advocacy Trainings**

- Jennifer indicated she will reach out to County Counsel to schedule a Brown Act training for either March or April.
- An invitation was extended to John Porter, Executive Director of the California Senior Legislature (CSL), to present at the February meeting; a response is still pending.

- **Staffing changes/Updates:**

- Supervising Program Specialist, Connie Soriano, transferred to the Probation Dept, where she was promoted to Financial Services Officer.
- Interviewed and hired a new Administrative Specialist, awaiting confirmation of the start date.
- A new Social Worker I has been hired, with a start date scheduled for Tuesday.
- Interviewed for the Specialist Clerk I position; offers are pending acceptance verification.
- Office relocation scheduled for second week of February; March meeting likely at Hayward location.
- Name badges and business cards delayed due to vendor and SSA rebranding, follow-up in progress.
- The Annual Nutrition Providers' Meeting will be held on February 5 and will cover menu analysis, emergency meals, health and safety inspections, and best practices.

- **RFP's**

- Commissioner Mayfield noted confusion about the spreadsheet.
- Jennifer reported that unpublished items related to RFP stages can be discussed



internally, while published items must be directed to the Contract Liaison for handling.

Action: Schedule and conduct two 30-minute office hours (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) this week to review the RFP spreadsheet and explain how to read it, accommodating both staff and commissioners.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- Possible participation in Estate Planning Awareness Month (October)
- Possible revision of SWOT
- Possible setup of bylaws committee and timeline for review

▪ **Possible participation in Estate Planning:**

- The Commission discussed possible participation in Estate Planning Awareness Month, including ideas such as a webinar or other outreach. It was agreed to revisit this topic further in the Executive Meeting.

▪ **Possible revision of SWOT:**

- Commissioner McMichael-Cady relayed the initial SWOT analysis was meant to provide ideas and may need further refinement.
- A commission statement was not finalized during the strategic planning meeting and remains a priority.

▪ **Possible setup of bylaws committee and timeline for review:**

- Commissioner Mayfield will chair and lead a committee to review the bylaws.
- Commissioner McMichael-Cady invited interested members to notify her or Commissioner Mayfield. She expressed willingness to serve on the committee, noting her experience and tenure with the commission.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Mayfield emphasized the importance of inviting additional members to join the commission. She noted that the current infrastructure of the commission is unstable and referenced feedback from long-standing members indicating past chaos. She stressed the need to establish a clear structure to guide the commission’s work. ○ A discussion ensued among the Commission and AAA staff. ○ Commissioner Banks reminded the commission of three priorities from the retreat: 1) Develop an orientation program; 2) Create an operating calendar; and 3) Establish operating protocols. She stressed that completing these will help resolve ongoing challenges and urged the group to stay focused. ○ Commissioner McMichael-Cady noted that work is underway to form an ad hoc committee for bylaws. She stated that the committee has not yet been established and hat this topic will be discussed further in the Executive Committee.
<p>G. That COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive ▪ Public Relations ▪ Legislative ▪ Service Delivery 	<p>Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting will be held in two weeks, on January 29. ○ It was noted that the commission has significant work ahead to address the discussed priorities. <p>Public Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A newsletter was recently sent out, and work on the next issue will begin soon. <p>Legislative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted that the Commission will meet next week due to no December meeting.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim Fogel, Management Analyst, informed the commission that the governor has released the preliminary budget. ○ AAA Director Jennifer stated that the preliminary budget will be a topic of discussion. She also noted that the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) released a statement earlier that morning. ○ Jennifer noted that the most significant impact for the commission in the preliminary budget is the increase for high-cap programs. ○ Jennifer stated that Measure W is another existing measure to be reviewed. ○ Jennifer stated that AAA receives fluctuating general funds, two Measure A allocations—one for fall prevention via EMS and another tied to the county-wide area plan—and now Measure W funding. <p>Service Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Banks reported that the initial workout will focus on the Mayor's Committee ○ Commissioner Banks stated that their three focus areas are relationship building, the newsletter, and service delivery. She noted that these priorities align with efforts in conjunction with the Mayor's Committee.
<p>H. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Commissioner Banks thanked everyone for the delivery of her check.</p> <p>The 19th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser will be held at the Age Well Senior Center in Fremont on February 20th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.</p> <p>AAA in conjunction with Alameda County Health will host a blood pressure campaign. More details to come.</p>
<p>I. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:13 pm.</p>



CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

CSL OVERVIEW



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OUR MISSION

...to help preserve and enhance the quality of life for older Californians and their families. The CSL achieves this mission by developing a forum through which older Californians can develop their legislative priorities and get them into the hands of California and Federal legislators.



CSL SNAPSHOT

- Created in 1979 as a non-partisan volunteer organization
- Volunteers are 55+
- Representatives from entire State



CSL IN ACTION – ANNUAL SESSION



Policy Committee Hearing—State and Local Government



LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Successes

Well over 200 CSL proposals have been signed into law by the Governor between 1987 and 2025



2024 CSL LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

Six CSL sponsored bills made it to the Governor's desk.
Three were signed into law.

CSL Member	#	Title
Fowler, C.	AB 2145	Oral Healthcare in Skilled Nursing Facilities
Dorio, G.	AB 2338	HealthCare Decisions: Surrogates
Cox, M.	AB 2511	Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-Up Electrical Supply



2025 CSL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

11 legislative proposals represented our legislative priorities for the 2025 legislative session. One proposal was authored by the February 23rd deadline.

CSL Member	#	Title
Lipson, S	SP-6	Brown Act: Teleconferencing



2026 CSL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

10 legislative proposals represented our legislative priorities for the 2026 legislative session. Four proposal was authored by the January 23rd deadline.

CSL Member	#	Title
Lopez, H	AB 1649/SP-1	Medi-Cal Personal Needs
Lipson, S	SP-2	Older Adult Education
Cox, M	AP-2	Personal Income Tax: Senior Care Tax Credit
Meyer, M	AP-4	Automatic External Defibrillators



CSL ANNUAL SESSION



Annual Session is held each October. The session is designed to mirror the California Legislature. There are committee meetings and floor sessions to discuss and vote on CSL proposals. The session is conducted using Zoom and occurs over a 3 day period several hours each day. There is also a one day in person session in Sacramento as well.



CSL MONTHLY MEETINGS



CSL does not conduct monthly meetings. There is an annual training session in March of each year

CSL members may participate in a caucus meeting format that is regional in nature. The caucus in your area is the Bay Area Caucus.





SENIOR RALLY DAY

MAY 07, 2025

PROGRAM FOCUS

AM - MASTER PLAN FOR AGING – STATUS REPORT

PM - ADVOCACY PROGRAM



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QUESTIONS



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Advisory Commission on Aging

Presented to: Alameda County Board of
Supervisors
Social Services Committee

By: Laura McMichael-Cady, Commission Chair
February 23, 2026



About the Advisory Commission on Aging

- Appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Conference to provide advice and oversight to the Area Agency on Aging in funding local services for seniors.
- Advocates for Alameda County seniors by advising and collaborating with the Area Agency on Aging and by providing a conduit for information to flow between local seniors, the Area Agency on Aging, providers of services, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.



Membership

Commissioners

Name	Represents
Barbara Price	Mayor's Conference North
Denyse McCowan	Mayor's Conference North
Doris Ellis	Mayor's Conference South
John Schinkel-Kludjian	BOS District 1
Jeffrey Macapinlac	BOS District 1
Priscilla Banks	BOS District 2
Johnny O'Brien	BOS District 3
Michael Goetz	BOS District 3
Helen Mayfield	BOS District 4
Laura McMichael-Cady	BOS District 4
Regina Guillory	BOS At Large
Total # Commissioners	11

Vacancies

Represents	# Openings
BOS District 2	1
BOS District 5	2
BOS At Large	2
Mayor's Conference – South County	3
Mayor's Conference – North County	2
Total Vacancies	10

ACA will present to the Mayor's Conference in March



Accomplishments 2025-2026

In the Community

- Quarterly Senior Update Newsletter, which focuses on senior resources, Medicare and Medi-Cal, health and mental health issues for older adults and caregivers.
- Webinar on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Advocacy to local, State and Federal legislators on the potential impact of budget cuts on County seniors.
- 50 holiday baskets to local seniors in partnership with the BOS, AAA, and County volunteers.
- Serving on AAA's RFP Review panels to help select the County's service providers for older adults and caregivers.



Commissioner Helen Mayfield (r) presents County resident with holiday basket.



ACA COMMITTEES

- Legislative Committee: tracks legislation affecting local seniors, helps commission determine recommendations to the BOS.
- Public Relations and Outreach Committee: interacts with local seniors, provides information and support through our newsletter, attends events.
- Services Delivery Committee: interacts with community service providers and with the clients they serve, guides us in making recommendations.



Our asks for 2026-2027



Commissioners Priscilla Banks (l) and Michael Goetz (r) joined AAA staff and community partners at the 2025 conference of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)

- Maintain active channel of communication, acknowledge monthly reports, schedule quarterly meetings
- Inform us when concerns re: Alameda County seniors come up in other BOS committees.
- We will continue to submit budgets that include:
 1. Attendance at local and national events so we can collaborate with other commissions and bring back pertinent information to the County; and
 2. Annual strategic planning retreat.

Get Involved!

YOUR Advisory Commission on Aging

*Thank
you!*



See our meeting and event schedule.
Join us in person or online!

<https://bit.ly/ALCO-ACA>



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2/5/2026



Alameda County
Social Services Agency
Area Agency on Aging



Alameda County Mayor's Conference

Relationship Presentation

Date: TBD

**Presented by Denise McCowan, ACA Commissioner, Retired
Ombudsman, A.A.G.G**

Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging (ACA)

Agenda

Charter

Statement of Purpose

Build Relationships

Committees

Further Discussion/Environmental Scan

Charter

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors *and* the Mayor's Conference, the ACA provides oversight to the Area Agency on Aging and advises on funding local services for seniors

Statement of Purpose

Advocates for Alameda County Seniors by advising and collaborating with the Area Agency on Agency, providing a conduit for information to flow between local seniors, service providers and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors

Provides services for Alameda County adults 55+ such as nutrition, senior centers , injury prevention, Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, support for caregivers, veterans services, legal assistance and Senior Informations and Assistance service

Build Relationships

Need Municipal Representation
Increase ACA's Awareness of Needs
Improve Visibility/Communication
Prioritize Intended and Stated Services
Execute Strategic Plan

Current Membership

21 Positions Vacancies (10 Seats)	Filled
District 1 1	1
District 2 1	1
District 3 0	2
District 4 0	2
District 5 1	1
At-Large, Boardwide 2	1
Mayor's Conference: 5	3

Committees

Executive: Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson; Chairpersons of all committees.

Legislative: works with the SSA expert in legislation to identify any legislative initiatives that would, or wouldn't benefit older adults in Alameda County, and advocate for or against that legislation

Public Relations & Outreach: Serves as emissary between the commission and the public; seeks inform and listen to seniors, families and care givers. Primary eyes and ears of the commission to the public.

Services Delivery: Works with the community-based organizations, NGOs, and other institutions which deliver services to seniors. Monitors service delivery, identifies issues. Serves as emissary between the commission and these institutions. Primary eyes and ears of the commission to these institutions.

Further Discussion/Environmental Scan

Older Adult Population Growth (CWAP)

Approximately 73,000 Older Adults benefitted from these programs in 2023
Older Adult Population Expected to Increase 51.5% between 2020 and 2060

Population for Aged 65+ increased in 19 of 20 Cities

Seven Cities increased 0-5%
Ten Cities increased 5-10%
Two Cities increased 10-15%

Increasing Vulnerability for Aged 65+ in 16 of 20 Cities populations

Eleven Cities experienced an increase of 0-5% falling below poverty level
Five Cities experienced an increase of 5-10% falling below poverty level

Aged 60+ increased from 12% to 20.6% between 2020 and 2023
Residents aged 60+ will comprise 25% of County Population by 2030
*2000 data from the US 2000 Census. 2023 data from the US Census
American Community Survey via censusreporter.org

Economic/Social Challenges

(Based on 2023 Data)

Older Adults Aged 80+ expected to triple by 2040 (148,000 people)
Cost of Living Outpacing Income
27.5% of older residents live below 200% of FPL; require 230% of FPL to

make ends meet

25.3% of unhoused residents are Aged 55+; 7% are Aged 65+
Persons of Color, Women, LGBTQ+ greater likelihood of aging into poverty
Adult Protective Services caseload increased from 600 to >1,600 cases/
month in 2023

Advisory Commission on Aging (ACA)

Vision Statement Creation Handout

Individual Reflection Guide

This handout is designed for **individual engagement and reflection**. It invites each commissioner to consider their own perspective, lived experience, and values related to aging and equity in Alameda County. Individual reflections can later be shared to inform a collective Vision.

What Is a Vision Statement?

A Vision Statement describes the **future ACA is working toward**. It reflects the long-term conditions older adults should experience if systems, policies, and services are equitable, accessible, and responsive.

A strong vision focuses on **impact, equity, and quality of life** not specific programs or activities.

Why the Vision Matters

The Vision Statement:

- Centers **older adults' lived experiences**, especially those historically underserved
 - Grounds advocacy in **equity, dignity, and access**
 - Guides recommendations to the Area Agency on Aging and the Board of Supervisors
 - Keeps long-term outcomes at the forefront of decision-making
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Key Characteristics of a Strong Vision

- **Future-focused** and aspirational
- **Inclusive of all older adults**, regardless of income, ability, language, race, gender identity, housing status, or immigration status
- **Clear and concise**
- Typically **1 sentence (10–25 words)**

Core Reflection Question

If the ACA is successful, what should aging look and feel like for *all* older adults in Alameda County?

Guided Reflection Prompts

Take a few moments to reflect on each prompt before drafting your Vision Statement.

Aging with Dignity & Choice –

What does dignity in aging mean to you?

- How should choice and self-determination show up in seniors' daily lives?

Equity & Access –

Which older adults face the greatest barriers today?

- What inequities should no longer exist in the future you envision?

Community & Belonging –

How should older adults feel within their families, neighborhoods, and communities?

- What does meaningful connection look like for seniors across cultures and abilities?

Systems & Support –

How should county systems respond to the needs of older adults?

- What would accessible, coordinated, and respectful services look like?
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Capture Key Words or Phrases

List words or ideas that feel essential to **your** vision:

Draft Your Personal Vision Statement

Using the reflections on the previous page, write a one-sentence vision that reflects your hopes for aging in Alameda County:

Vision Statement Examples (For Inspiration Only)

- *An Alameda County where all older adults, across identities and abilities, age with dignity, equity, and choice.*
- *A county where seniors are valued, supported, and able to thrive in their communities.*
- *Equitable and inclusive aging that honors the voices and needs of every older adult.*

Personal Vision Check

Before finalizing, ask yourself:

- What does this vision center on?
- Does it reflect the **real experiences of diverse older adults**?
- Would this vision guide my decisions as a commissioner?

If yes, your Vision Statement is ready to share.

Remember: This is your personal reflection. Collective vision begins with individual clarity!

Charles Balderama Sanchez

Management Analyst



Engaging the PAL Process

A PRESENTATION TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY Advisory Commission on Aging | February 9, 2026
GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS | OFFICE OF POLICY, STRATEGY & INNOVATION (PSI)

About the Office of Policy, Strategy, and Innovation (PSI)

- Office of PSI Vision & Mission
- What is the PAL Committee?
- Engaging the PAL Process through the Office of PSI

Office of Policy, Strategy & Innovation

Who We Are: The Office of Policy, Strategy & Innovation (PSI) provides fund development, legislative and budget analysis, and decision-making support resources for the Social Services Agency.

Vision: Equitable and inclusive policies uplift the social and economic well-being of individuals, children and families.

Mission: To build informed and responsive systems through strong partnerships that support a resilient Alameda County.



What is the PAL committee?

- Key standing committee of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- They review federal, state, and local legislation referred by County departments and Board offices
- Determine whether the County should **support or oppose** legislative and administrative matters
- Review and sign all **official County letters** of support or opposition
- Review and recommend approval of the County's **legislative platform and priorities**
- Advance recommended positions to the **Board of Supervisors for final approval**
- Receive regular updates from state and federal legislative advocates on emerging issues
- Provide direction to advocates on advancing the County's legislative agenda

How Alameda County Establishes an Official Position

Bills Introduced by the State Legislature

PSI Drafts PAL Letters with Departments and submits to PAL

CWDA Review & Guidance

PAL Committee Review

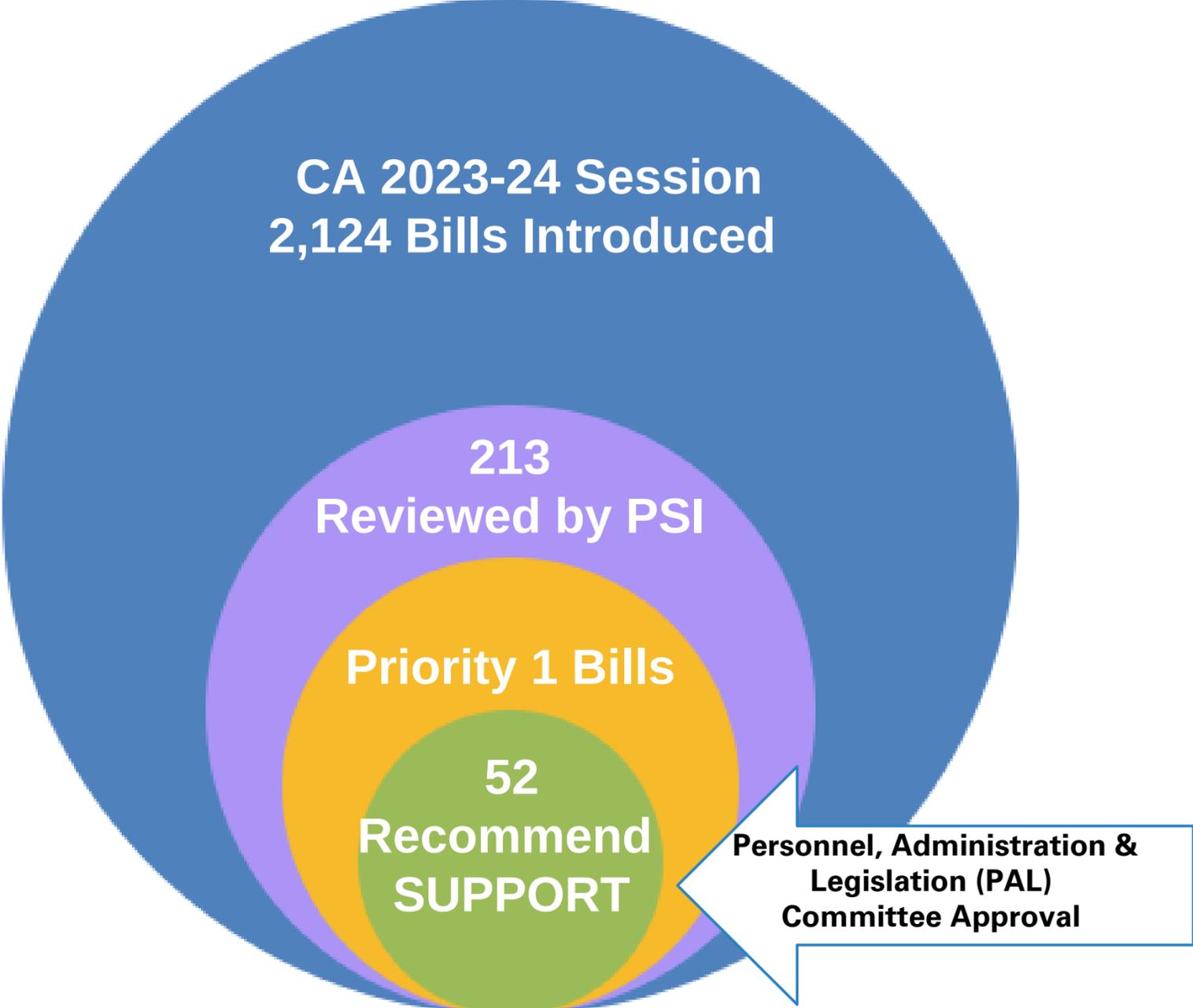
SSA & PSI Policy Review

Board of Supervisors Action

Department-Initiated Requests

Official County Position

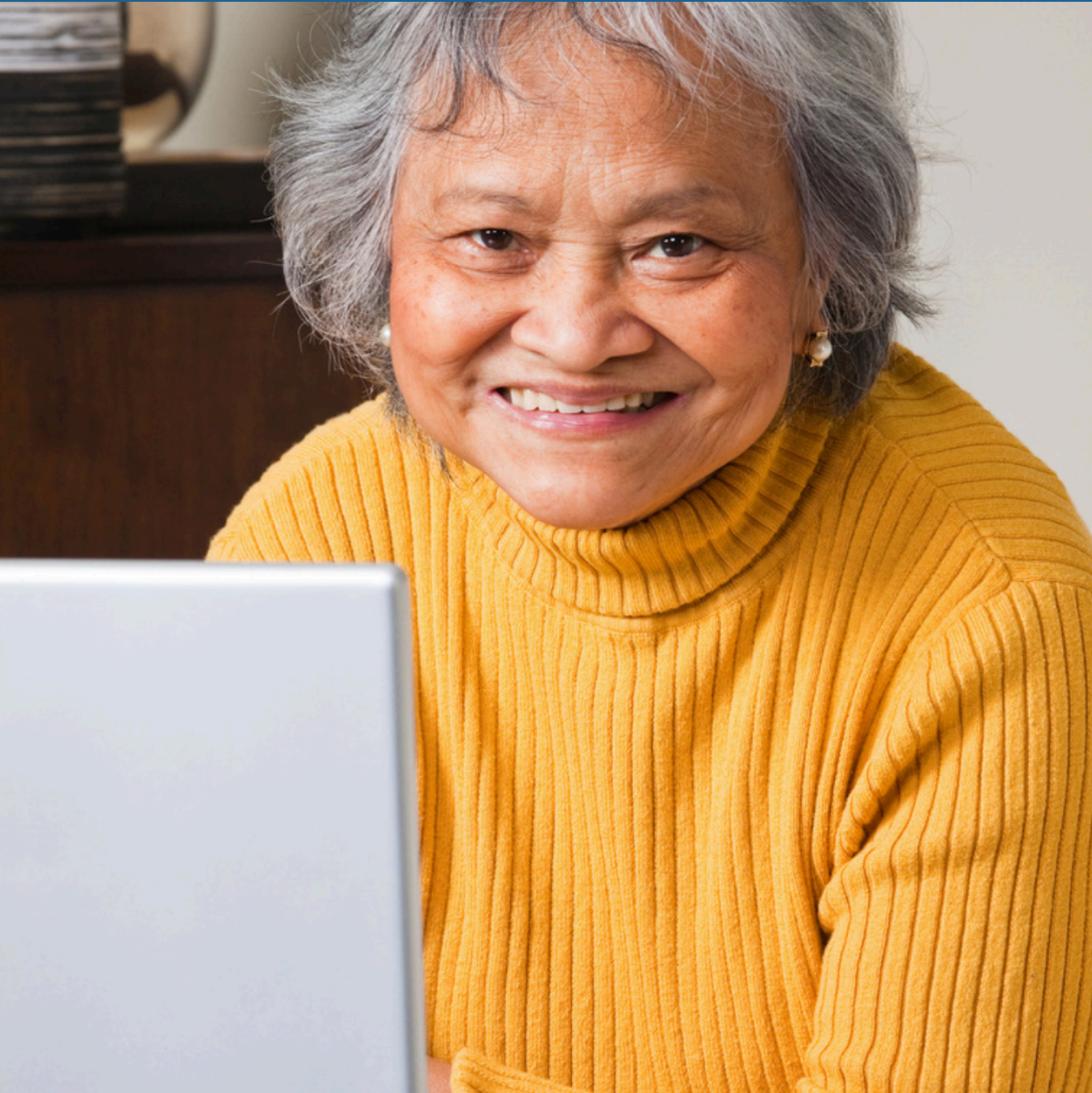
Office of PSI: Legislative Policy & Budget Analysis 2023-24 Session



Engaging the PAL Process Through the Office of PSI

- Councils and commissions interested in requesting the County take an official position on proposed state or federal legislation may submit their advisory opinion to the Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee, via the SSA's Office of Policy, Strategy, and Innovation (PSI)
- Elements to include:
 - Recommendation - requires a vote/action by the full commission
 - Bill number and author
 - Alignment with County Vision
 - Social and fiscal impacts
 - Programmatic implications
 - Requested action
 - Additional materials - such as information on the bill or advocacy letters written by other organizations
 - Letter stating the commission's advisory position to the PAL Committee – approved by action item at regularly noticed meeting (Optional)

Thank You



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