



Minutes

Riverside County
Advisory Council on Aging

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Agenda Overview

1. First Order of Business
1.9. Public Comment
2. Action Items
3. Presentations
4. Department/ADRC Reports
5. Discussion Items
6. Committee Reports
7. Liaison Reports
8. Ambassador Reports
9. Closing Comments
10. Adjourn

Agenda Overview



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1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.1. Called meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Any requests for public comment during the meeting should be made through private message chat to *Stacie Catlin*. Public comments will be heard at Agenda Item 1.9.

1.2. Established a quorum – Barbara Mitchell, Parliamentarian

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<input type="checkbox"/> Marquita Black - Absent	



1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.3. Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings



1.3.1. APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2022, THROUGH MARCH 16, 2022.

- Quorum:** 6
- Must abstain:** None.
- Motion:** M. Cox
- Second:** C. Lemus
- Notes:** M. Black was absent.
- Roll Call Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

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1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.4. Review ADA Guidelines

Any ADA-related requests or issues during the meeting should be directed through private message chat to *Stacie Catlin*.

1.5. Invocation – Donald Brock

1.6. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.7. Self-Introductions

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1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.7. Self-Introductions - Continued

Riverside County Office on Aging Staffx

- ☒ Jewel Lee, Director
- ☒ Gary Robbins, Deputy Director for Administration
- ☒ Maile Haynes, Deputy Director of Programs and Operations
- ☒ Jamiko Bell, Administrative Services Manager
- ☒ Stacie Catlin, Program Specialist II
- ☒ Cecilia Nava, Planner

Riverside County Representatives and Guests

- ☒ Margaret Adkins, Legislative Assistant, District III
- ☒ Tony Ortego, Mental Health Services Administrator, RUHS

Riverside County Representatives and Guests

- ☒ John Pointer, Joint Rules Chair, California Senior Legislature
- ☒ Rita Thompson, Lake Elsinore



1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.8. Chair Reports and Reminders

1.8.1. Next Advisory Council General Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Virtual

1.8.2. Member Birthdays

- Javier Lopez

1.8.4. Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

- Members were asked to file their Form 700s by 2/8/2022. For those members who have not yet filed, please file by March 8, 2022.

1.8.5. Committee Work Plans

- Committee Chairs were expected to submit their committee's 2021/2022 work plan by February 1st.
- For those Chairs who have not convened their committees and completed a work plan, please do so no later than Friday, February 18th.
- Due to the upcoming holidays, staff days off, and Brown Act compliance, Chairs must coordinate with Stacie no later than Thursday, February 10th to set a meeting.



1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.8.6. Upcoming Events

- *California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)*
 - *May 11-13, 2022 (In-person and virtual)*
 - *Staff will determine who attends in-person.*
- **Senior Inspiration Awards**
 - *March 31, 2022*
 - *Requests for attendance are being evaluated.*



1. First Order of Business: Steve Mehlman, Chair

1.9. Public Comments

Each speaker may be limited to speak two (2) minutes or less depending on the number of speakers. At the direction of the Chair or by majority vote of the Council, the two (2) minute time limitation may be waived, increased, or reduced. The maximum time for public comment for any individual item or topic may be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. The Council may terminate public comments if such comments become repetitious or disruptive. Any written documents to be distributed or presented to the Council shall be submitted AC@rivco.org. This policy applies to Public Comments and general comments on agenda items. Under the Brown Act, the Council will not take action on or discuss matters raised which are not posted 72 hours in advance. Council members may refer such matters to staff for factual information or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration.



2. Action Items: Steve Mehlman, Chair

2.1. Action Items



2.1.1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2022, MEETING.

- Quorum:** 6
- Must abstain:** C. Lemus
- Motion:** M. Cox
- Second:** B. Mitchell
- Notes:** C. Lemus abstained.
- Roll Call Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

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4. Presentation:

4.1. California Senior Legislature (CSL)

- *CSL candidate application included in the meeting packet.*



*John Pointer, Chair
Joint Rules Committee
California Senior Legislature*



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OVERVIEW

- Application Period – January 1st to March 31, 2022
- Elections held in May/June 2022
- Newly elected members sworn in at October Annual Session

CSL Staffing

Senior Senator Steve Mehlman

Don Brock

Senior Assembly Member Mark Cox

There are 3 vacancies

CSL Election Procedures

Applicants submit their application, **resume** and code of conduct, ethics statement and volunteer statement

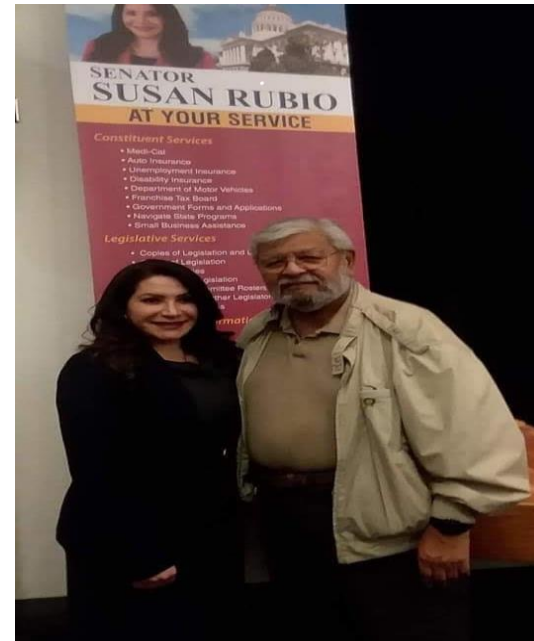
CSL IN ACTION – DISTRICT VISITS

During the year CSL members take the opportunity to visit their local State Senator or Assembly Member to:

- advocate senior issues and legislation and
- budget issues impacting seniors.



L-R: ASM Gabriel and Senior Assembly Member Marsha Gould



L-R: Senior Senator Susan Rubio And Senior Assembly Member Lorenzo Rios

CSL IN ACTION – ANNUAL SESSION



Bay Area Caucus – L-R:
SS George Tucker,
SA’s Janet Motha, Bettye
Hammond, Anne Warren, Ken
Hengst, SS’s Allegra Fortunati,
Allan Bortel, SA Lauren Rolfe,
SS’s Wesley Mukoyama, Sylvia
Stadmire

**Policy Committee Hearing—
State and Local Government—**
L-R: SA Janet Motha, Legislative
Committee Chair, Anne Warren,
**Policy Committee Chair—SA
Lavada Theus,**
SA Pat
Mosteller



CSL IN ACTION – SENIOR RALLY DAY



2021 Senior Rally Day held on May 4, 2021. The focus was on an update on the Master Plan for Aging with opening remarks by CDA Director Kim McCoy Wade.

A recording of the event may be found at

<https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/lobby/>



QUESTIONS

4. Department/ADRC Reports:

4.1. Executive Report

- *Announced this year's annual Elder Abuse Symposium is expected to be held in person on June 1, 2022, Riverside Convention Center.*



*Gary Robbins, Deputy Director for Administration
Riverside County Office on Aging*



4. Department/ADRC Reports:

4.2. Planning Report

- *Review demographic update for Area Plan.*



Cecilia Nava

Planner

Riverside County Office on Aging

Dr. Jamiko Bell

Administrative Services Manager

Riverside County Office on Aging



Riverside County Office on Aging

Area Plan on Aging: The Path Ahead

2022-2023

Demographic Update

Cecilia Nava, Area Planner

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RCOoA Presentation Agenda

Wednesday, February 9, 2022.



I. Welcome

II. Description of the Planning & Service Area (PSA 21)

III. Q&A

IV. Close



**Description of Planning
Service Area (PSA) 21 —
Riverside County**

*2021-2022
Demographic Update*

Overview of the Riverside County Office on Aging

- An **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** is a public or private nonprofit agency designated by a state to address the needs and concerns of all older persons at the regional and local levels.
- AAA's are **responsible for** a geographic area, also known as a **planning and service area (PSA)**, and coordinate and offer services that help older adults remain in their homes, if that is their preference.
- The Riverside County Office on Aging (RCOoA) is a AAA responsible for Riverside County exclusively (PSA 21).



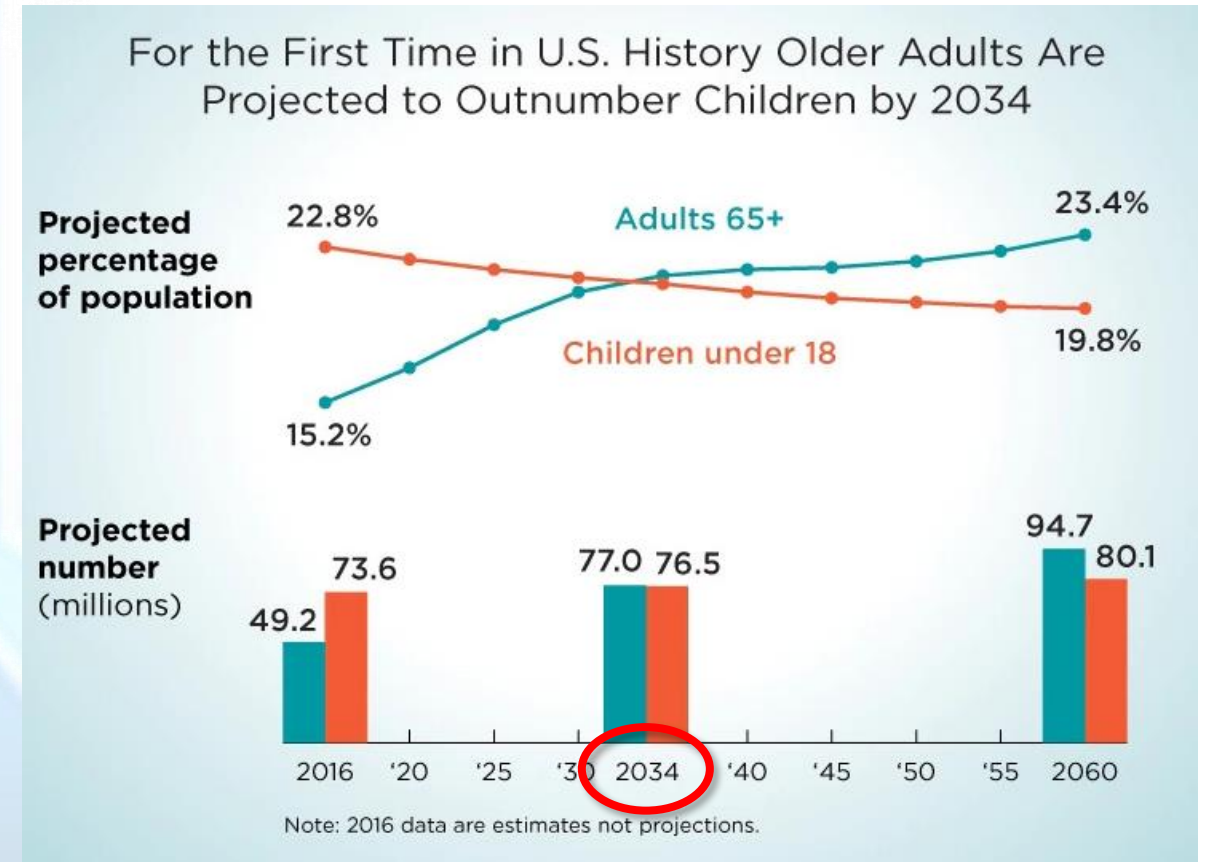
Overview of Riverside County

- Riverside County is one of 58 counties in the state of California.
- It contains 28 incorporated cities, 65 unincorporated areas, 12 federally recognized American Indian reservations.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Riverside County is the **10th largest county** in the nation and the **4th most populated** county in California.
 - In 2020, it had a **population estimate of 2.4 million people.**
 - **Adults ages 65+** make up **14.8% of the county.**



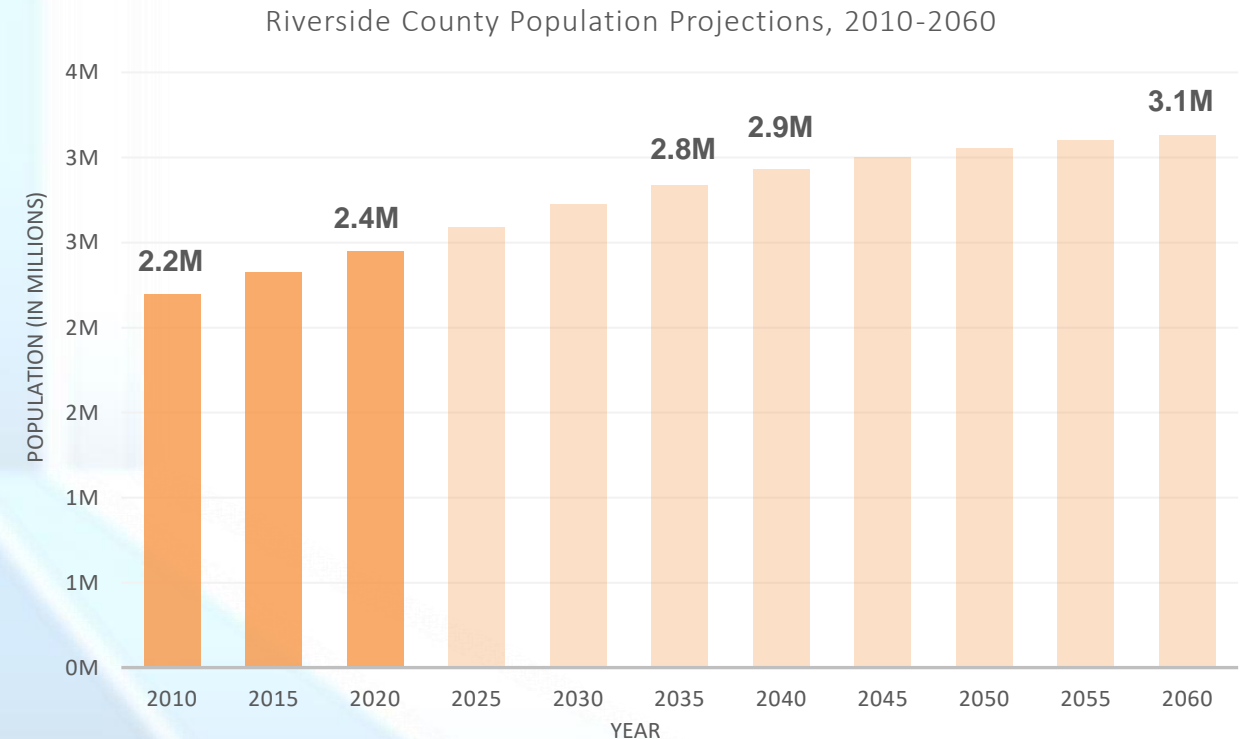
An Aging Nation

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a **major demographic shift** is projected to occur **by 2034**:
 - Older adults are expected to outnumber children for the first time in history.
 - The number of older adults will only increase from that point forward:
 - **By 2060**, adults 65+ will make up **23.4% of the population**, compared to 19.8% of children under.



Riverside County Population Projections

- Between 2010-2020, Riverside County's population increased by 250,000 (10%).
- **In 2034**, the Riverside County population is expected to **increase by 12.5%**, totaling approximately **2.8 million**.
- **By 2060**, the population is projected to increase to **3.1 million people**.



Riverside County's Aging Population

- Riverside County is amongst the **top six counties** in California **with the largest older adult population projections.**
- Within the 2010-2060 timeframe, adults 65+ are expected to **increase** by **248.2%**. Adults 85+ are expected to increase by **711.5%**.

Age Group	Year 2020 Estimates	Year 2034 Projections	Projected Percentage Increase (2020-2034)	Year 2060 Projections	Projected Percentage Increase (2034-2060)
All Age Groups (Total Population)	2,449,299	2,819,818	15%	3,129,833	11%
Working Age (25-49 years)	770,099	808,262	5%	887,521	10%
Pre-Retirement Age (50-64 years)	220,147	454,309	106%	575,213	27%
Young Retirees (65-74 years)	142,204	256,587	80%	374,290	46%
Mature Retirees (75-84 years)	120,847	148,769	23%	298,688	101%
Seniors (85 to 99 years)	49,722	58,132	17%	222,442	283%
Centenarians (100 years)*	130	789	507%	11,441	1350%

Riverside County's Disabled Population

- Riverside County Office on Aging is also an **Aging and Disability Resource Connection** (ADRC).
- In 2019, Riverside County's **population with a disability** was **293,350 people**.
- **Older Adults** make up **45.2%** of the total population in **Riverside County with a disability**.

64.5%

Hearing Disability



37.2%

Cognitive Difficulty



46.2%

Vision Difficulty



56%

Ambulatory Difficulty



47.2%

Self-Care Difficulty



53%

Independent Living Difficulty



Riverside County by Race & Ethnicity

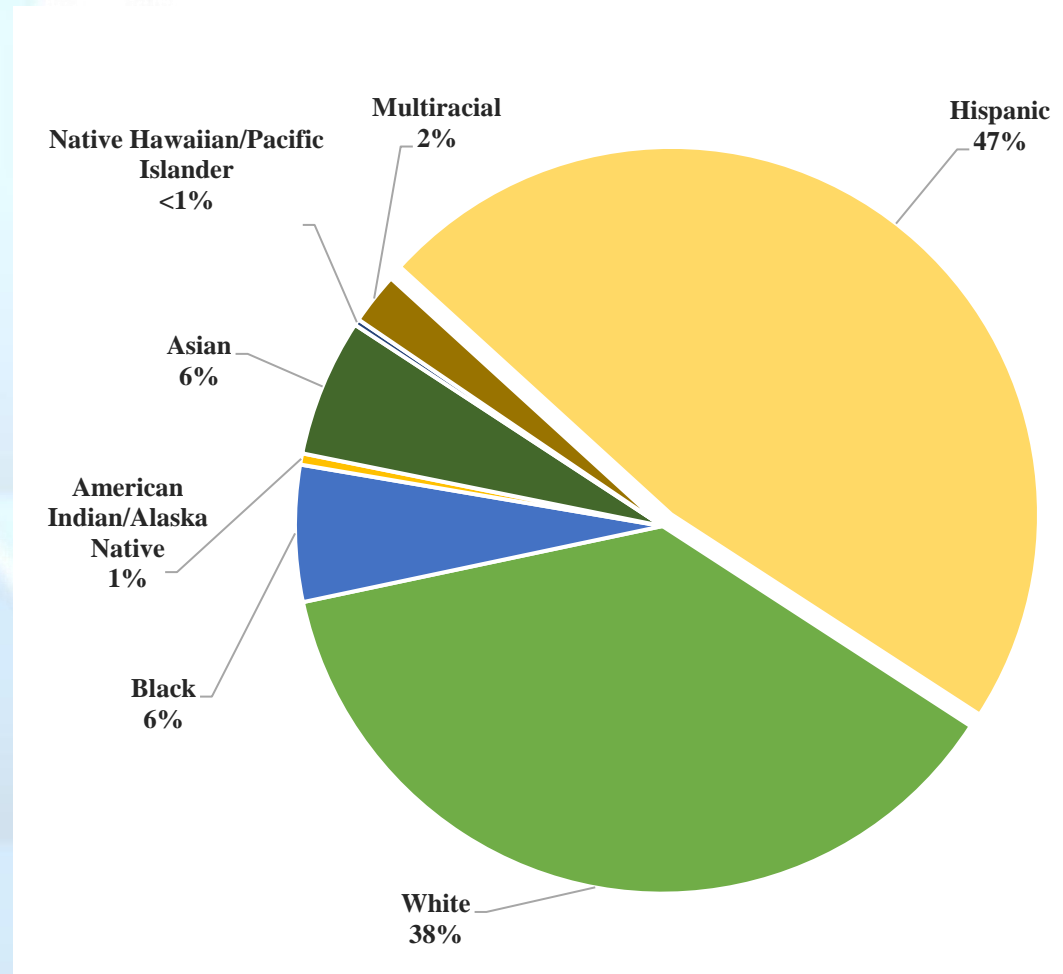
2020 Riverside County Population by Ethnicity (2020 Census):

- See adjacent graph.
- Riverside County as a **larger percentage of Latinos** (47%) than the entire state.
 - Latinos make up 39.4% of California's population.

Languages spoken at home by older adults:

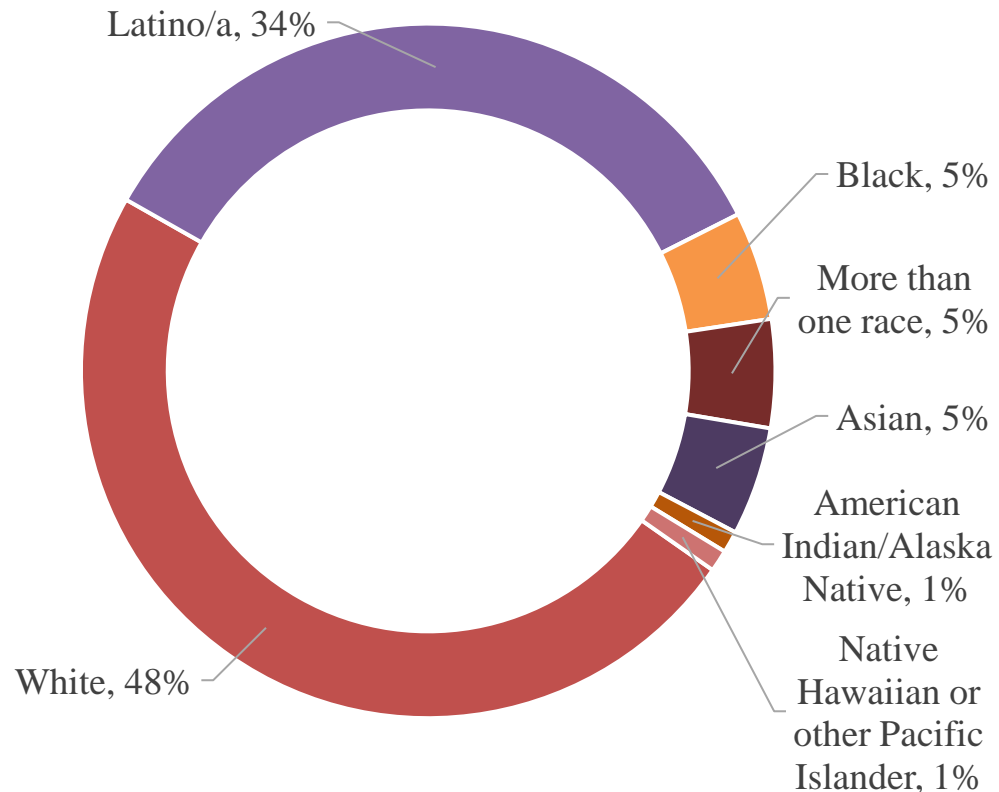
- English – 70%
- Spanish – 20%
- Asian and Pacific Languages – 6%
- Other Indo-European Languages – 3%

2020 Riverside County Total Population by Ethnicity



Riverside County's Micro-Populations

LGBTQ Population
by Race & Ethnicity: California



LGBTQ Population

- Riverside County has one of the largest LGBTQ populations in the nation per capita.
 - According to HARC, **nearly 15% of people living in the Coachella Valley identify as LGBTQ**, totaling nearly 50,000.
 - The percent of people who identify as LGBTQ in the Coachella Valley is double that of California as a whole (14.9% compared to 7.3%).

Riverside County's Micro-Populations

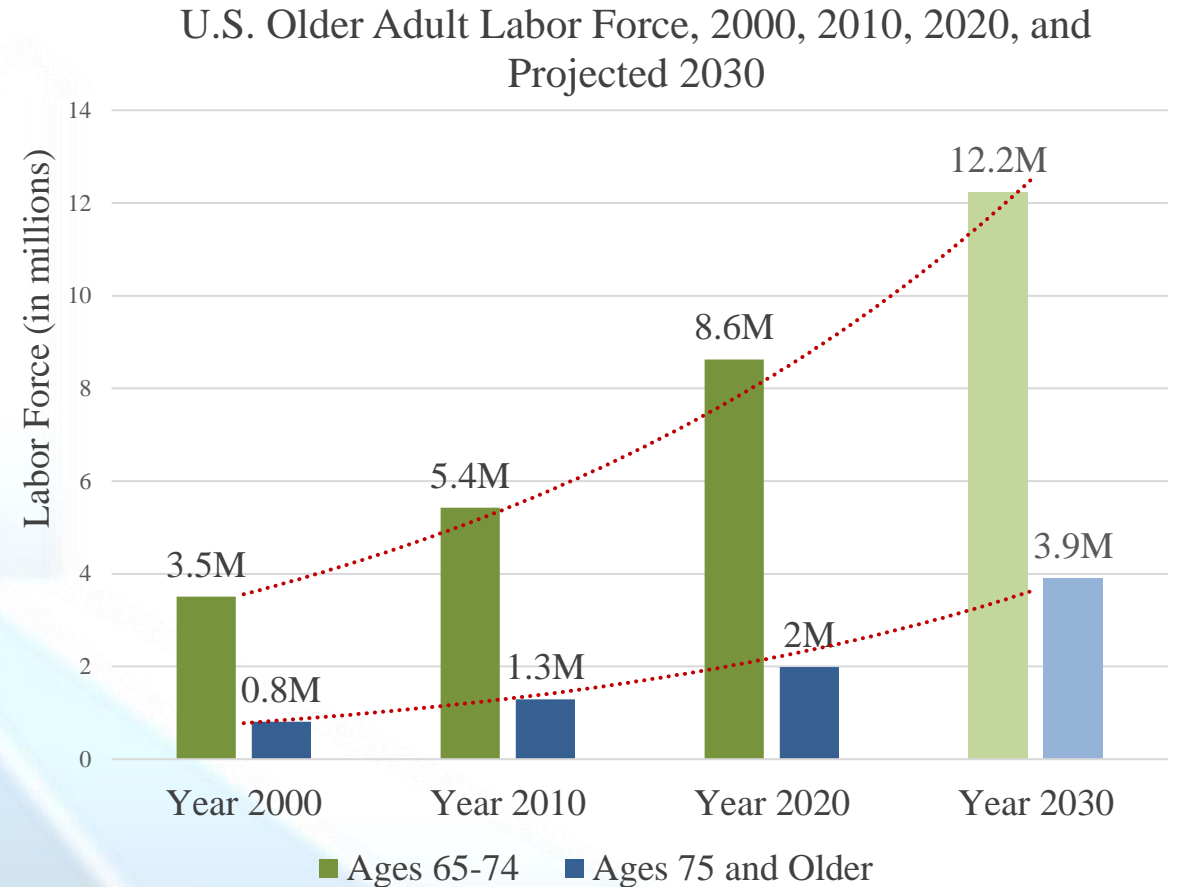
American Indian Population

- California is home to 109 federally recognized Indian Tribes and 100 reservations. **Twelve reservations** are in Riverside County.
- **52,000 people identify as American Indian** in Riverside County.



Older Adult Workforce

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, in 2020, the **U.S. workforce consisted of 8.6 million older adults** ages 65 to 74 and **2 million older adults** ages 75 and older.
- In Riverside County, approximately **27.6% of the total labor force are older adults**. That is approximately 336,188 older adults currently working.
- Older adults are **living longer** and, therefore, choosing to **work longer**. Other motivations may include:
 - Fewer defined benefit retirement offerings.
 - Rising costs of living (i.e. housing, medical expenses).



Veteran and Disabled Workforce

U.S. Veterans	In 2019, 18.8 million veterans participated in the U.S. workforce.	Almost half of the veterans that were <u>ages 45 to 54</u> in 2019 served in Gulf War I.	Gulf War I veterans will make up most of the older adult veteran population during the projected demographic shift in 2034 .
People with a Disability	The unemployment rate for people with a disability is currently more than double that of people with no disability .	Top 3 barriers to employment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Disability-Lack of training and education-Lack of transportation	Compared to those without a disability, people with a disability are more likely to take on employment that involves production, transportation and material moving.

United States' Poverty Measures

The Federal Poverty Level

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is utilized to **determine income eligibility** for many public programs, **allocate funding** for other programs, and as an evaluation tool to determine program effectiveness.

- FPL takes a “one size fits all” approach to evaluating eligibility.
- According to FPL, the poverty guideline for a single adult **nationally** is **\$12,880** per year in 2021.

The Elder Index

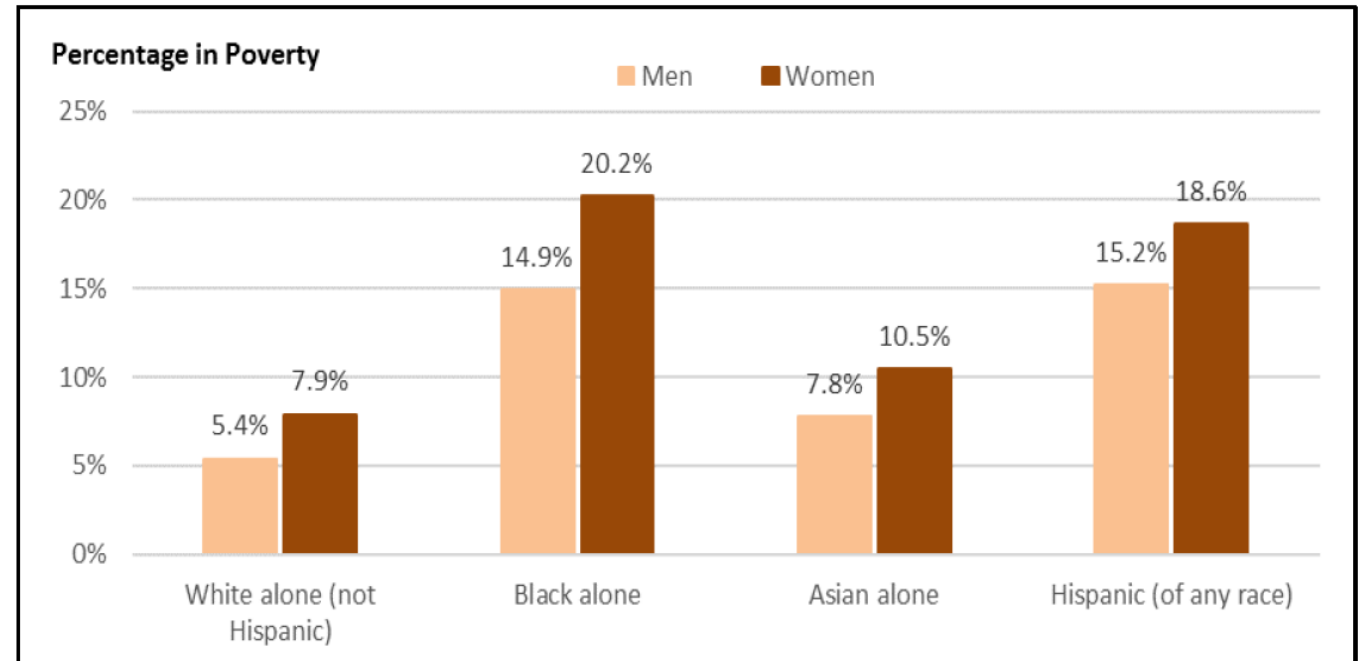
The Elder Economic Security Standard Index (Elder Index) was developed by University of Massachusetts, Boston.

- It is geographically specific and provides data at the county level.
- Attempts to measure income inadequacy based on a basic standard of living for those who do not receive public welfare benefits.
- According to the Elder Index, the poverty guideline for a single adult living in **California** is **\$42,396** per year in 2021 (for renters).
 - For owners with a mortgage: \$50,124/year
 - For owners without a mortgage: \$31,668/year

Older Adult Poverty in the U.S.

- **Poverty rates** are **highest among the Black older adult population** and lowest among non-Hispanic White older adults.
- When comparing poverty rates of men and women, **women aged 80 and older had the highest poverty rate** among all sexes and age groups in 2019.
- In 2019, poverty rates for people living alone **doubled** in comparison to older adults who lived with others.

Figure 10. Poverty Status of Individuals Aged 65 and Older in 2019, by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex



Source: CRS analysis of data from the 2020 CPS ASEC.

Older Adult Poverty in Riverside County

- According to the Elder Index, **single older adults need** approximately **\$2,888/month** in order to **live independently in Riverside County**.
- In 2015—the year of most updated information—**24.2% of older adults lived in poverty** in Riverside County.
- In Riverside County alone, **388,300 individuals** were in poverty between 2017 and 2019.

Main Sources of Income for Older Adults:

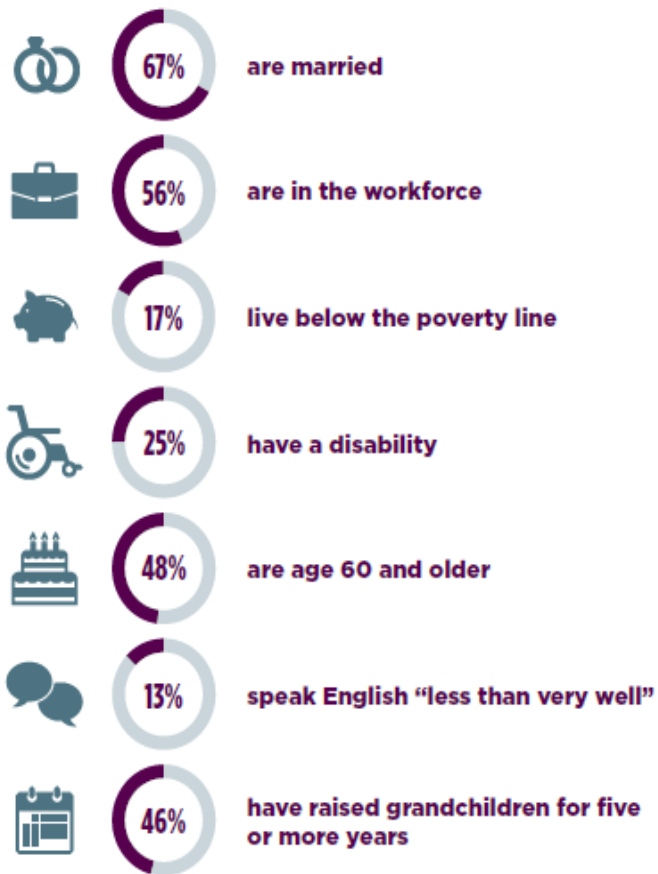
- Social Security
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Earnings
- Pensions

Other Financial Cost Factors to Consider:

- Housing Costs.
- Medication Costs.
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Older Adult Poverty in Riverside County

Grandparents Responsible for Grandchildren

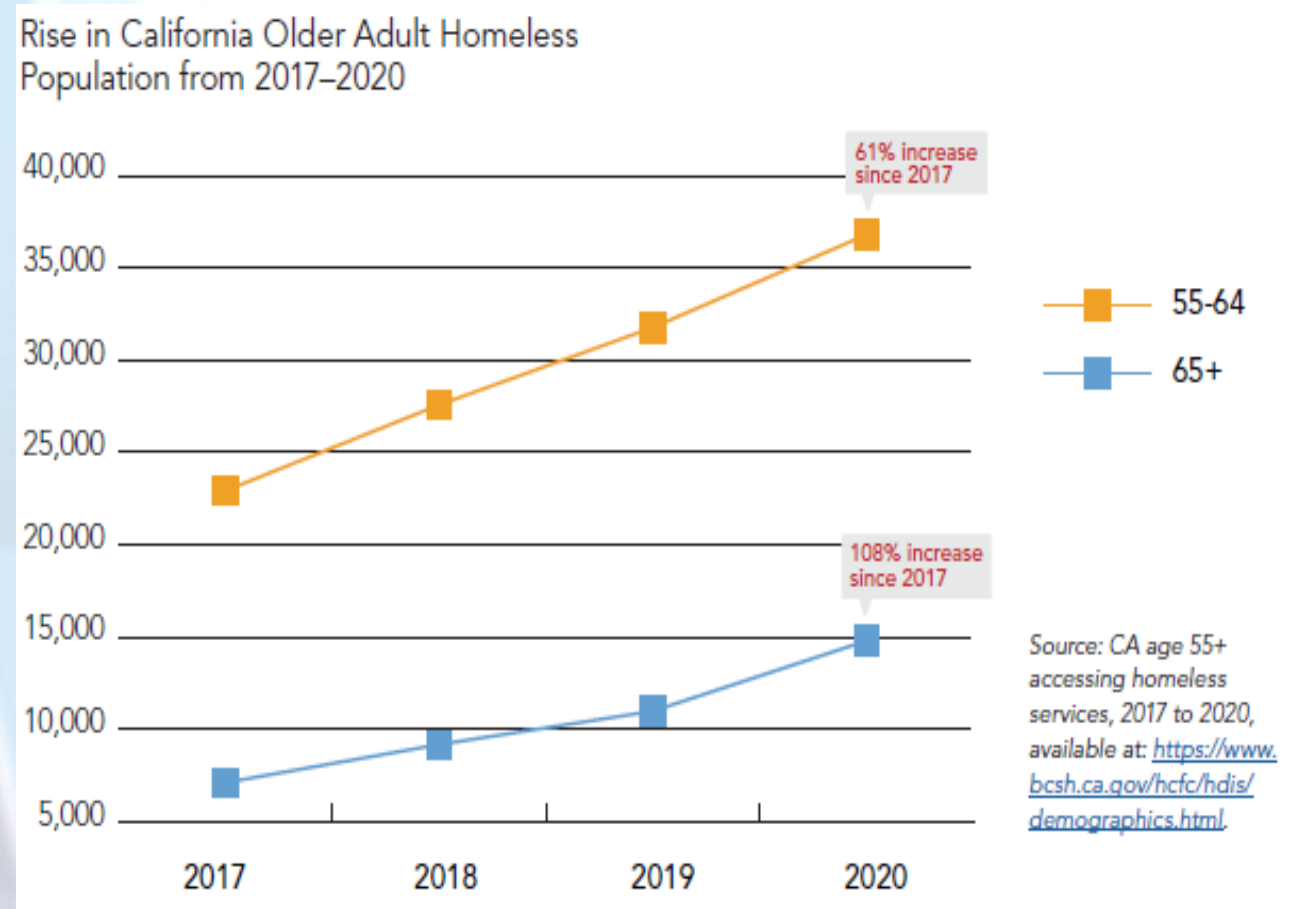


Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- According to Generations United, **2.7 million children lived with grandparents in 2019**; about 990,000 had their grandparents as sole guardian who met their basic needs.
- **Disparities exist** among grandfamilies according to their community, state, tribe, racial/ethnic group, and other family and personal characteristics.
- Although Black American individuals represent 14% of the U.S. population, they **make up 25%** of all children where a grandparent is the sole caregiver.

Older Adult Homelessness

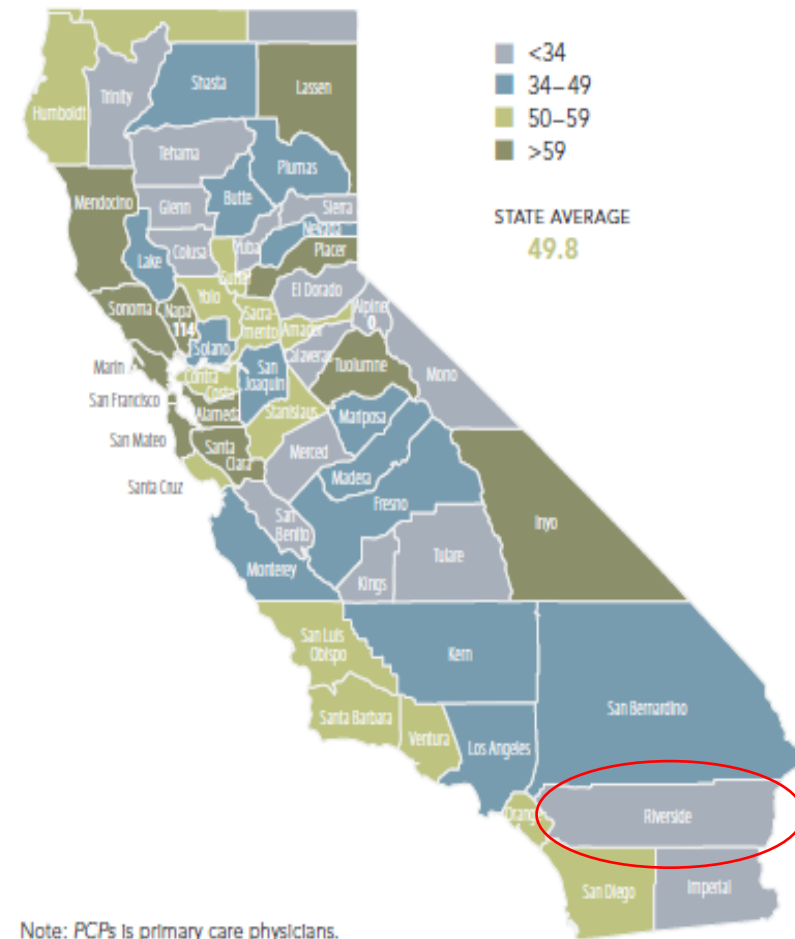
- Given California's high cost of living, **older adults are often forced to choose between paying rent, buying groceries, or purchasing medications.**
- Nearly half of those experiencing homelessness in the U.S. are 50 years and over. **Sadly, many 50+ homeless older adults do not make it to the age of 65.**
- From 2017 to 2020, California saw a **108% increase in older adult homelessness.**



Healthcare Workforce Crisis

- According to the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), California had over 80,000 licensed behavioral health professionals in 2016.
 - They were **unevenly spread** across the state and **did not reflect the racial/ethnic diversity** of the state's population.
 - Approximately **647,897 people in Riverside County** live in an area that **has a shortage of primary care providers**.
- Within the next 10 years, **a large proportion of healthcare workers will reach retirement age**, meaning there will be less physicians serving the projected older adult population increase.

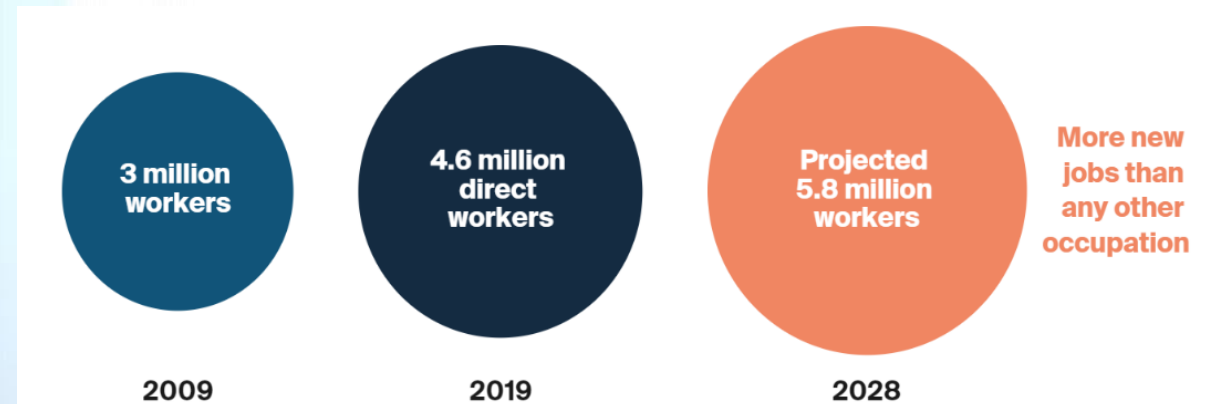
PCPs per 100,000 Residents, by County, 2015



Caregiver Workforce Crisis

- **The lack of competitive wages** deters people from joining the workforce.
 - In 2018, the nation's estimated 4.6 million **home care aides earned a median of \$12 an hour** and \$17,200 annually.
- When comparing direct care workers' median wage with those of other occupations with *similar* entry-level requirements, **direct care workers made \$3.86 less.**
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nation experienced estimated **job losses of 342,000** in the direct care workforce.

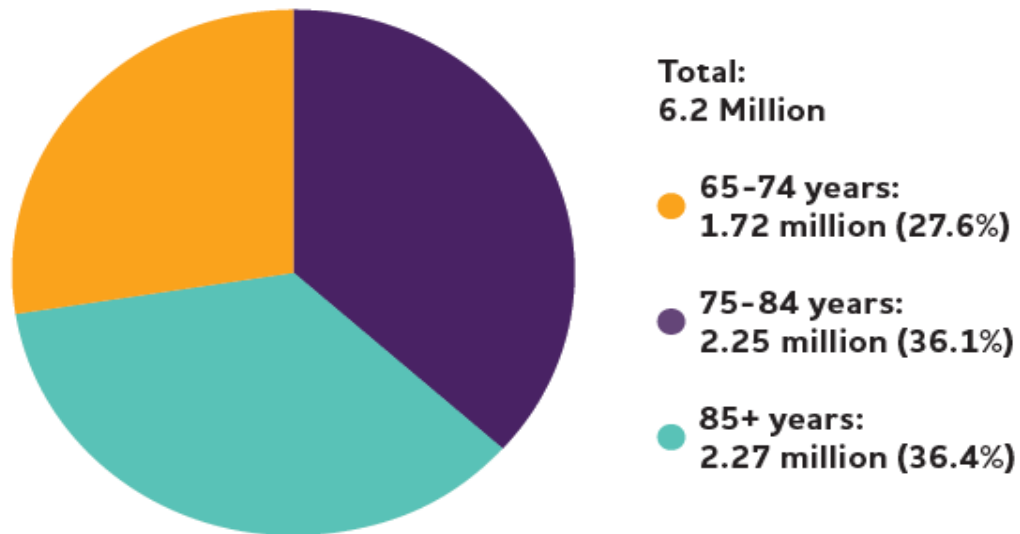
Direct Worker Workforce Estimates and Projections



The **pandemic has fueled demand** for caregivers in people's homes; between March 2020 and January 2021, **demand grew by 125 percent.**

Health and Wellness Profile: Alzheimer's Disease

Number and Ages of People 65 or Older with Alzheimer's Dementia, 2021*

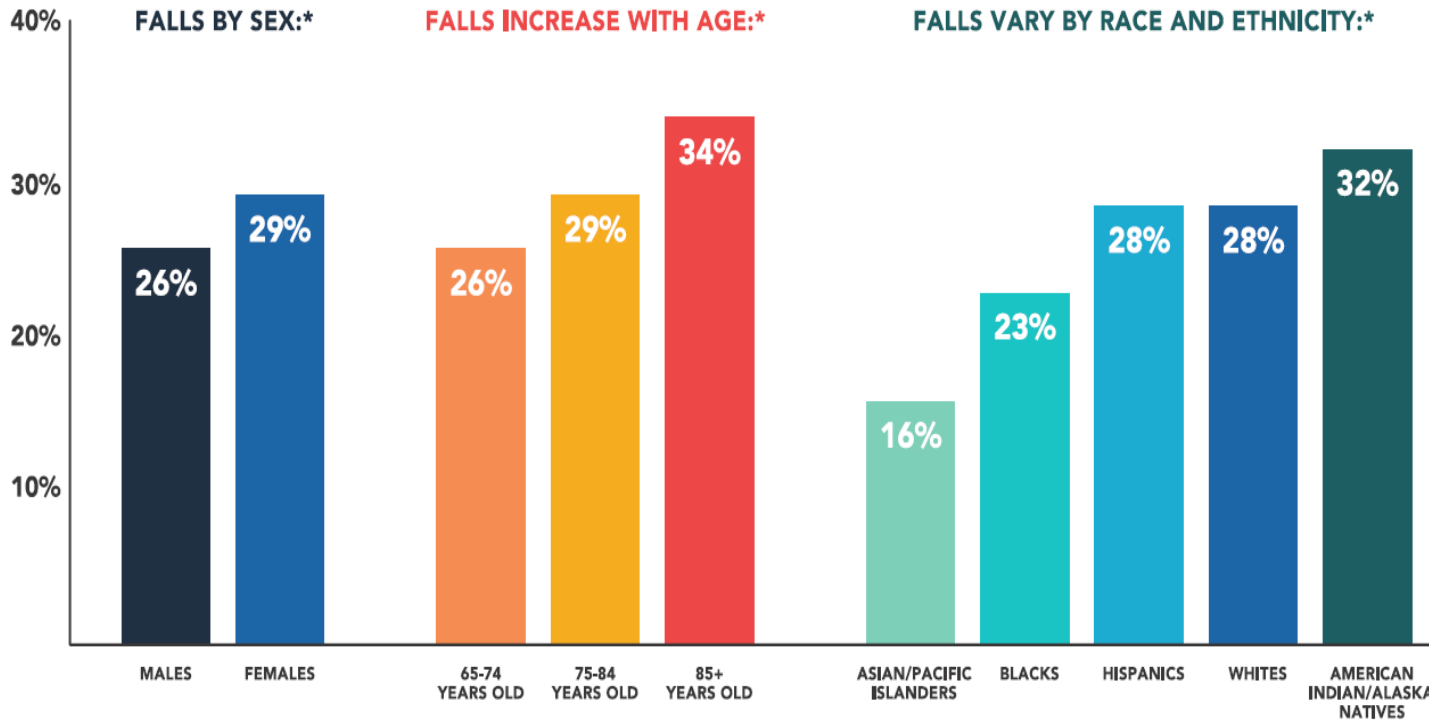


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*Percentages do not total 100 due to rounding.

- According to Alzheimer's Association, an estimated **6.2 million** older adults **lived with Alzheimer's dementia in the U.S. in 2021**. By 2050, it is projected to reach 12.7 million.
- **1 in 6** Californians over the age of 65 **will develop Alzheimer's**, and 1 in 5 will develop dementia.
- Californians who identify as **LGBTQ living with dementia will more than double** in 2040, growing to 74,522.
- By 2040, Riverside county will see a **141% increase** in people living with Alzheimer's.

Health and Wellness Profile: Fall Prevention



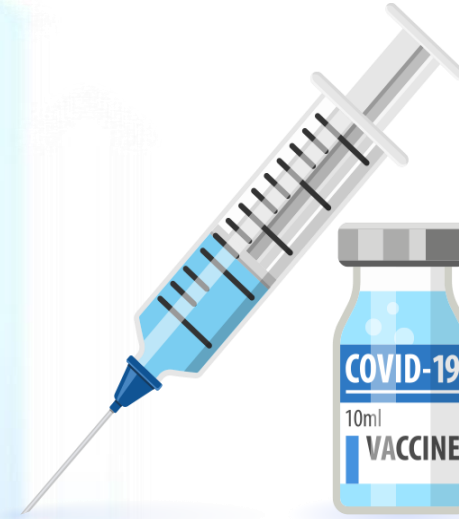
*Percent of older adults who reported a fall

- According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), **falls are the leading cause of injury-related death** among persons aged 65 and above.
- In 2019, there were approximately 34,000 deaths among older adults who fell.
- Falls amongst older adults are **projected to increase** from 52 million people in 2018 to 73 million people in 2030.
- 3 million older adults are treated in emergency departments annually, costing \$50 billion in medical costs.

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

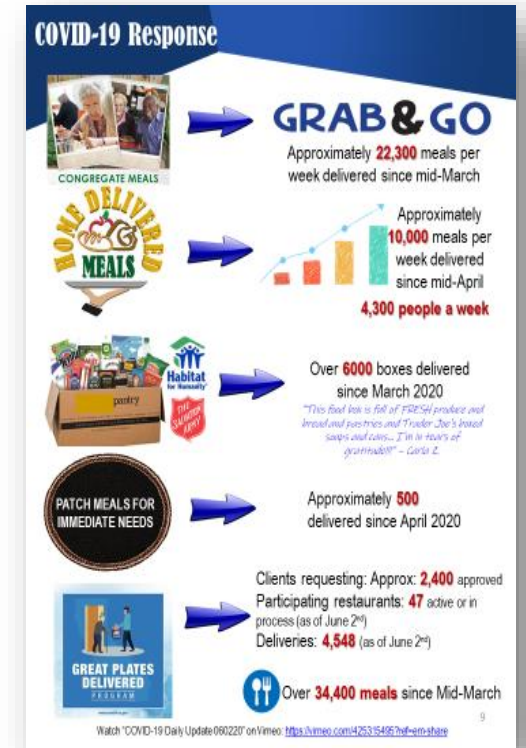
Vaccination Status

- According to the CDC, **1.6 million** (65.7%) of Riverside County's population **has received at least one dose** against COVID-19.
 - 1.4 million (52.6%) have been fully vaccinated.
 - **Older adults** make up **95%** of those who have received at least one dose and **82.7%** who are fully vaccinated.
- As of January 2022, approximately **60.5%** of fully-vaccinated **older adults** in Riverside County **have received booster shots**.



RCOoA COVID-19 Response

- Between October 2020 and March 2021, RCOoA received **160,790** incoming calls, contacted **55,419** clients, and made **20,282** vaccine registration appointments for older adults and individuals with disabilities across Riverside County.



Thank you for joining us.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to email us at AC@rivco.org, and we will respond as soon as we are able.



5. Discussion Items:

5.1. Executive Committee Public Comments Update

5.1.1. Provided an overview of public comments heard at the February 23, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting, and which were regarding the Westmont Village Senior Living, an assisted living facility located within the City of Riverside.



6. Committee Reports:

6.1. Membership Committee – Anita Johnson, Chair



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Member Report

- Committee Report
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- Senior Center Ambassador Report

Report Deadline Submission: *The first Monday of the month.*

Assignment: Membership Committee
Name: Anita Johnson
Title: Chair
Report Date: February 9, 2022



Report: Membership

Main Points:

- Currently six vacancies.
- Three-Year Evaluations for members whose terms expire in June sent out.
- Advisory Council member survey will be sent by next week.
- Next Membership Committee tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2022

Handouts/Flyers:

None.

7. Liaison Reports:

7.1. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Council – Barbara Mitchell, Liaison



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Report Deadline Submission: *The first Monday of the month.*

Assignment: IHSS Advisory Council
Name: Barbara Mitchell
Title: Liaison
Report Date: February 9, 2022

Meeting/Event: IHSS Advisory Council (IAC) Meeting
Date: December 2, 2021

Main Points:

- Feedback concerning Provider Appreciation Event – Desert, Moreno Valley
- HOME – Options for Appointments
- COVID-19 Provider Process for Sick Leave Pay and Back Up System (BUS) – Temporary Caregivers

Meeting/Event: IHSS AC (IAC) Meeting
Date: February 3, 2022

Main Points:

- Details will be provided at the March Advisory Council on Aging meeting.

Other Meeting/Event: Caregiver Appreciation Event

Event Details: TBD

Handouts/Flyers:
None.

7. Liaison Reports:

7.2. *Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy (HICAP) – Anita Johnson, Liaison*



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Report Deadline Submission: *The first Monday of the month.*

Assignment: HICAP
Name: Anita Johnson
Title: Liaison
Report Date: February 9, 2022



Report: **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)**

Main Points:

- Currently in Medicare General Enrollment Period (GEP): January 1 – March 31 and Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA-OEP): January 1 – March 31.
- Month of January, all site and office in-person counseling stopped due to COVID-19.
- February, all staff and volunteers will work flex schedules with no more than six staff in the office.

Handouts/Flyers:

Included in meeting packet.

March 31 is a Double Deadline for People Eligible for Medicare

Advocates working with clients eligible for or enrolled in Medicare should be aware of two important opportunities with a March 31 deadline:

Medicare General Enrollment Period (GEP): January 1 – March 31

Individuals who wish to enroll in Medicare Part A and/or Part B and do not have an Initial Enrollment Period or a Special Enrollment Period based on employer coverage, can only enroll during the GEP. GEP enrollment is through the Social Security Administration (SSA) with coverage starting July 1.

This deadline is particularly important for individuals in **ALABAMA, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, ILLINOIS, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO, SOUTH CAROLINA, UTAH, AND VIRGINIA** who do not have premium-free Part A and may be eligible for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program. In these states (called “group payer” states), individuals without premium-free Part A coverage must apply at SSA for “conditional” Part A during the GEP before they can apply with their state for the QMB program. If they miss the March 31 deadline, they must wait until the next year before they can apply for QMB coverage.

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA-OEP): January 1 – March 31

During the [MA-OEP](#), individuals enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans can drop their MA coverage and choose original Medicare with a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP), or change from one MA plan to another, with or without prescription drug coverage. Individuals in Original Medicare may not use the MA-OEP to change their standalone Part D Plan choice or join an MA plan. For enrollees without the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), this is the last opportunity in the year to change coverage during the year unless they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP), for example, if they move out of the plan service area. Medicare enrollees with the Low-Income Subsidy (“Extra Help”) have a SEP that provides one opportunity each quarter to make any change in plan coverage.

Medicare plan marketing, especially television marketing, has been intense during both the fall enrollment period and the current MA-OEP. Options for MA plans to offer supplemental benefits also have made choosing a plan more complex and confusing. The MA-OEP is a good opportunity for advocates to urge Medicare enrollees to seek unbiased assistance from [HICAP/SHIP](#) counselors to ensure that they are making appropriate choices, have access to their preferred providers, and are getting prescription drug coverage that meets their needs.

7. Liaison Reports:

7.3. *Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) – Anita Johnson, Liaison*



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Report Deadline Submission: *The first Monday of the month.*

Assignment: Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Name: Anita Johnson
Title: Liaison
Report Date: February 9, 2022



Report: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)

Main Points:

- New Program Director for Riverside County
- Conflicting Visitation Guidelines
- COVID 19 California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Dashboard

CALIFORNIA SNF		RIVERSIDE COUNTY
COVID-19 CASES BY COUNTY		REPORT DATE
LAST UPDATED: 2/7/2022 5:01:38 PM		2/6/2022
SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES	CURRENT ACTIVE CASES RESIDENTS	CURRENT ACTIVE CASES HCW
54	178	192
% REPORTING		
96.4%		

Handouts/Flyers:

None.



8. *Ambassador Reports:*
None.

9. Closing Comments:

9.1. Provided an update on Joslyn Center activities. – Barbara Mitchell



10. Adjourn



10.1. APPROVE MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING.

Quorum: 6

Must abstain: None.

Motion: D. Brock

Second: M. Cox

Notes: M. Black was absent.

Roll Call Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Members	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Mehlman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Chappell
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynda House	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Cox	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Marquita Black	

10. Adjourn

Jewel Lee, Director

Gary Robbins, Deputy Director for Administration

Maile Haynes, Deputy Director for Programs and Operations

Jamiko Bell, Administrative Services Manager

Stacie Catlin, Program Specialist II

Board of Supervisors

Kevin Jeffries	Supervisor, District I
Karen Spiegel	Supervisor, District II
Chuck Washington	Supervisor, District III
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Jeff Hewitt	Supervisor, District V

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Advisory Council

Steve Mehlman	Chair
Javier Lopez	Vice Chair / Appointee, District IV
Barbara Mitchell	Parliamentarian
Lynda House	Appointee, District I
Vacant	Appointee, District II
Marquita Black	Appointee, District III
Debbie Franklin	Appointee, District V
Anita Johnson	Member
Cynthia Lemus	Member
Donald Brock	Member
Mark Cox	Member
Teresa Chappell	Member
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Advisory Council Membership

Committees

Committee	Chair	Members
Executive	Steve Mehlman	Javier Lopez, Vice Chair Barbara Mitchell, Parliamentarian
Advocacy	Teresa Chappell	Anita Johnson Mark Cox Steve Mehlman
Annual Report	Steve Mehlman	N/A
Bylaws	Barbara Mitchell	Anita Johnson Debbie Franklin
Community Connections	Cynthia Lemus	Javier Lopez Lynda House Marquita Black
Healthy Living	TBD	Barbara Mitchell Debbie Franklin
Membership	Anita Johnson	Donald Brock Javier Lopez
Planning	Debbie Franklin	Lynda house

Committees

Liaisons

California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Donald Brock, Senior Senator
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Mark Cox, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Steve Mehlman, Senior Senator
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Vacant, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Vacant, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Vacant, Senior Assembly Member
Continuum of Care	Javier Lopez
Foundation on Aging	Steve Mehlman
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG)	Lynda House, Lead; Mark Cox, Support
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)	Anita Johnson, Lead; Debbie Franklin, Support
Housing	Javier Lopez
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Council	Barbara Mitchell, Co-Lead; Donald Brock, Co-Lead
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)	Anita Johnson, Lead; Teresa Chappell, Support
Older Adults System of Care	Barbara Mitchell
Public Health	Marquita Black
Transportation Services	Steve Mehlman
Triple A Council of California (TACC)	Steve Mehlman
Veterans Services	Cynthia Lemus; Co-Lead; Donald Brock, Co-Lead

Liaisons

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**Advisory Council on Aging
Meeting Schedule - Continued
2021/2022**

Date	Day	Time	Location
January 12, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual
February 9, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual
March 9, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual
April 13, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual
May 11, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual
June 8, 2022	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual

Meeting Schedule

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-002**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**
5 **RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**
6 **OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE**
7 **RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**
8 **FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 14, 2022, THROUGH MARCH 16, 2022,**
9 **PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

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11 **WHEREAS**, all meetings of RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING and its
12 legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 –
13 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct
14 their business; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote
16 teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the
17 requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and
18 requirements; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency
20 is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of
21 conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by
22 conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

23 **WHEREAS**, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local
24 officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body
25 holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present
26 imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

27 **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency
28 declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California

1 Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

2 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which
3 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a
4 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
5 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set
7 expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020, and
8 other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
10 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency
11 either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution the state Legislature; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
13 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
14 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
15 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel
16 more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2022, the RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
18 AGING previously adopted Resolution No. 2022-001, finding that the requisite conditions existed for the
19 RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING and its legislative bodies to conduct remote
20 teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), as authorized by
21 Section 54953(e); and,

22 **WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of the teleconferencing provisions for another 30
23 days beyond the Resolution No. 2022-001 adopted on January 12, 2022, pursuant to Government Code
24 Section 54953(e), the RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING must reconsider the
25 circumstances of the state of emergency that exists and find that either the state of emergency continues to
26 directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to
27 impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and,

28 **WHEREAS**, the RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING has reconsidered

1 the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that state or local officials continue to impose or
2 recommend measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial
3 Relations regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention, specifically, Title 8 of the California Code of
4 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D), continuing to remain in effect; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
6 does hereby find that it and its legislative bodies may continue to conduct their meetings by teleconferencing
7 without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that
8 such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings
9 as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by RIVERSIDE
11 COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, State of California, in regular session assembled on
12 February 9, 2022, does hereby resolve as follows:

13 Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this
14 Resolution by this reference.

15 Section 2. Reconsideration of the State of Emergency. The RIVERSIDE COUNTY
16 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency that
17 continues to exist and was proclaimed by the Governor through a State of Emergency Proclamation on
18 March 4, 2020.

19 Section 3. State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote
20 Social Distancing. The RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING hereby proclaims
21 that state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social (physical) distancing based
22 on the continuance of California Department of Industrial Relations regulations related to COVID-19
23 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

24 Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY
25 COUNCIL ON AGING and any of its legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all
26 actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and
27 public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of
28 the Brown Act.

1 Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and
2 shall be effective until the earlier of (i) MARCH 12, 2022 or (ii) such time the RIVERSIDE COUNTY
3 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code
4 section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference
5 without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

6 ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2022, by the RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
7 ON AGING by the following vote:

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9 YES: A. Johnson; B. Mitchell; C. Lemus; D. Franklin; D. Brock; J. Lopez; L. House; M.
10 Cox; S. Mehlman; and T. Chappell.

11 NO: None.

12 ABSENT: M. Black;

13 ABSTAIN: None

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- Supporters of the CSL can join the **Friends of CSL**.
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CSL's Purpose

- Identify priority senior concerns.
- Develop legislative proposals in response to those concerns.
- Advocate for the inclusion of those concerns in legislative proposals of the State Legislature.
- Influence others to be more effective in public policy on behalf of seniors.

California Senior Legislature (CSL)

- Established as a State Agency, CSL is made up of 40 Senior Senators and 80 Senior Assembly Members, elected as non-partisan representatives of California's 6.9 million seniors. (2014 CDA Population Demographics)
- The 120 Senior Legislators meet annually in legislative session. At this annual session, priority senior concerns are identified to improve the lives of all aging Californians.
- The CSL advocacy efforts are funded by direct donations and voluntary contributions to the **California Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund (Code 438)** on your California Tax Return.

CSL Member Responsibilities

- Meet with senior constituents in their area to develop and draft proposals for the CSL session.
- Solicit support for CSL from contributors to the **California Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund (Code 438)**.
- Develop and maintain a program of local advocacy.
- Testify at hearings and activate letter and email campaigns in support of priority proposals.

Joint Rules Committee (JRC)

- The Joint Rules Committee continues to move the CSL to more effective advocacy while maintaining a fiscally sound organization.

Legislative Committee

- This is the advocacy body of the CSL.
- There are ten elected members.
- They encourage members of the Legislature to convert CSL priority proposals into legislation and ensure that the voices of seniors throughout the Golden State are heard in Sacramento.

How To Get Involved

- Identify priority senior concerns for your area.
- Be part of an Advocacy Network by staying in contact with your Senior Legislator. He or she will need your support and help with the passage of CSL's annual legislative package.
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- Join the "Friends of the CSL." Additional information can be found on the CSL website, www.4csl.org.

CSL Accomplishments

- The CSL has enjoyed a significant success rate. To date, over 200 proposals have been signed into law, improving the lives of all aging Californians.
- These efforts have significantly enhanced the quality of life for older Californians. They impact such matters as nursing home reform, adult day health care, Alzheimer's programs, transportation for the frail and elderly, elder abuse, Medicare assistance programs, veterans' issues, and crimes against the elderly.



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California Senior Legislator Elections

Are you:

- ✓ Age 55 or over
- ✓ Aware of and involved in senior-related issues in **Riverside County**
- ✓ Driven to make a difference in the lives of aging Californians
- ✓ Willing to volunteer
- ✓ Interested in representing Riverside County at the state level

If so, please visit the California Senior Legislature (CSL) website for more information:

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Election packets are due no later than March 31, 2022

For questions and to obtain or submit an election packet, contact:

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TRS/TYY: 711



APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA _____ Incumbent ____ New Candidate ____

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Telephone(s) (Home) _____ (CP) _____

Email _____

My State Senator is: _____ District # _____

My State Assembly member is: _____ District # _____

My Congressional Representative is: _____ District # _____

For the Office of _____ I certify that
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
- I have the ability to navigate the Capitol Building in Sacramento as well as my local community.
- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Attach the following documents to this application:

- Resume outlining broad base of experience at the city and county levels on issues dealing with seniors
- Signed Code of Ethics
- Signed Volunteer Agreement and Waiver
- Signed Statement of Commitment

CODE OF ETHICS

Recognizing that the needs of the over 60 age groups are in the interests of all people, the California Legislature in 1980 created the California Senior Legislature to propose legislation to meet the needs and concerns of Older Californians.

Members of the Senior Legislature elected by their peers are cognizant of their obligation to discharge the responsibility given to them by the State Legislature, and vow to follow the path of high moral conduct and service implicit in the following code:

1. I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics
2. I accept the plural ethnicity of California Senior Legislature members, their cultural and educational variations. I will value the commitment of each as much as I do my own, and show respect to each.
3. I will show respect to the members of the State Legislature and their staff people.
4. I will work faithfully to accomplish the objectives of the California Senior Legislature.
5. I will work with the Area Agency on Aging and/or Legislative Council and other seniors in my community to develop proposals for legislation addressing their concerns.
6. I will strive to maintain the dignity of the Senior Legislature in all my speaking engagements and written articles.
7. I will be responsible for informing the public as widely as possible concerning the CSL in a positive manner.
8. I recognize and accept the administrative policies, responsibilities, and procedural concepts of the California Senior Legislature as they are enunciated in the CSL Procedures Manual and Bylaws, including the use and design of CSL business cards and stationery.
9. I promise to bring to my work with the California Senior Legislature an attitude of open-mindedness; to be willing to be trained for it; to bring to it interest and attention; and to work in support of CSL programs and priorities.
10. I will attend the annual session of the California Senior Legislature unless excused because of illness or death of a family member or other legitimate reasons.

11. I promise to conduct my campaign for office as either a Senior Senator or Senior Assemblyperson in an ethical, above-board and honest manner, in both my oral

and printed campaign statements. And in no way will I mislead or deceive potential voters while campaigning. I will abide by the final election results and decision of the CSL JRC.

12. I promise not to use my office as a CSL member in any manner that reflects negatively on the high moral standards of the CSL, or negatively on any CSL member.

13. I accept and promise to comply with the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.

I have read and accept the code of ethics and intend to follow the code to the best of my ability.

Print Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Responsibilities of Members of the California Senior Legislature

(Note: This is to be signed by the candidate and attached to her or his application.)

As a member of the CSL I:

1. Shall be non-partisan.
2. Shall represent the best interests of state-wide California elderly.
3. Shall express the major concerns of the elderly.
4. Shall speak for the CSL on CSL-approved issues only. Otherwise, shall identify myself as a CSL member expressing own personal views.
5. Shall use only CSL - authorized cards and stationery.
6. Shall identify myself as "Senior Senator" or "Senior Assemblymember" or "Senior Assemblywoman" or "Senior Assemblyman." If given "Emeritus" status one should identify themselves as either "Senior Senator – Emeritus" or "Senior Assemblymember/woman/man – Emeritus".
7. Shall accept the responsibility for submitting at least one proposal every two years.
8. Shall accept the responsibility for attending and participating in all meetings of the Annual Session, except when an extreme emergency arises.
9. Shall develop working relationships in my PSA (Planning and Service Area) with the Area Agency on Aging, the Advisory Council or Commission on Aging and other senior groups and caucuses; and shall routinely attend their meetings and report on CSL activities.
10. Shall develop working relationships with my State and National Legislators and their staffs, particularly with my Legislators' District's staffs.
11. Shall develop and maintain a local legislative advocacy program, keeping up a two-way communication with my constituents.
12. Shall activate letter and phone campaigns to support CSL priority proposals.
13. Shall respond to calls (Alerts) from the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) to write letters, make phone calls, and visit my State Legislators and their District offices on behalf of CSL priority issues.
14. Shall develop and carry out local public relations and publicity for goals established by the CSL.
15. Shall study the Annual Schedule of Suggested Activities and follow this schedule whenever its items are applicable to my local situation.

16. Shall maintain a professional working relationship with all members of CSL as well as with the Area Agency on Aging and the Advisory Council or Commission on Aging.
17. Shall endeavor to raise funds throughout the year in order to meet the funding needs of CSL for travel and reimbursement of expenses of the Annual General Session and for meetings..
18. Shall promote CSL fund-raising activities on a local and statewide level.

As a member of CSL I acknowledge that:

19. Failure to submit at least one original proposal in any one of two consecutive years constitutes failure to live up to this commitment.
20. **Failure to live up** to the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT and the CODE OF ETHICS is grounds for review, reprimand and possible removal from office by JRC Executive Committee action.
21. All decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.
22. There is no salary connected with this position and that lodging, meals and transportation costs will be furnished for the Annual Session, provided funds are available.
23. Lodging, meals and transportation costs may be furnished for Legislator visits ("Walk the Halls") during the course of the year provided funds are available.
24. Expenses for postage, copying, printing and telephone usage during the year are my responsibility. Transportation costs not referenced above are my responsibility as well.

To Be Signed by the Candidate:

I have read and accept responsibilities noted above and intend to follow these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Print or Type Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my desire to serve as a volunteer for the California Senior Legislature (CSL), I hereby agree to the following terms:

- I fully understand the nature of the volunteer activities that I will be performing on behalf of CSL and hereby confirm that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities.
- I currently have no known mental or physical condition that would impair my capability for full participation as intended or expected of me.
- I hereby assume all responsibility for any and all risk of property damage or bodily injury that I may sustain while participating in any voluntary capacity including the use of equipment and facilities in connection with CSL volunteer duties.
- I acknowledge and agree that CSL, its directors and officers, its volunteers or any of its representatives, are not liable to me for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, costs or expenses which I might suffer or sustain in connection to the performance of my volunteer activities for CSL.
- Further, I, for myself and my heir, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, waive and discharge CSL and its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers of and from any and all claims which I or my heirs, administrators and assigns ever may have against any of the above for, on account of, by reason of or arising in connection with such volunteer activity or my participation therein, and hereby waive all such claims, demands and causes of action. I will indemnify, defend and hold CSL harmless from and against any claims, lawsuits, injuries, damages, losses, costs or expenses sustained by any person in connection with my participation in CSL activities and elections.
- If I suspend volunteer activities, or upon request, I will promptly return all CSL supplies, equipment, records, moneys and other items in good, clean, serviceable condition. This Agreement is binding upon CSL, CSL representatives, me and my respective heirs, successors, assigns, executors and personal representatives.
- I hereby grant and convey to CSL all right, title and interest in any and all photographic images in which I appear including video or audio recordings, made by CSL or others on CSL's behalf during my volunteer work for CSL, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. I expressly agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of California, and that this Waiver shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Waiver shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Further, I have carefully read the foregoing Agreement and Waiver and understand the contents thereof and sign this release as my own, free act. I agree to abide by every term specified above and will not dispute or challenge them in any way form or fashion.

Signed on this ____ day of _____, 2022

Printed Name of CSL Volunteer

Signature of CSL Volunteer