



Karol Swartzlander, Executive Director
Gavin Newsom, Governor

NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH EVENT

Thursday, January 15, 2026
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 2880 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 395, Sacramento, CA 95833

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PROPOSED AGENDA

David Lindeman, Chair

All listed items are approximate and are subject to change. Agenda items are scheduled for consideration by the Commission, which may or may not choose to act. Breaks may be called at the discretion of the Chair. Public comment opportunities will be offered throughout the meeting.

AGING & DISABILITY: WHAT LEGISLATIVE STAFF NEED TO KNOW FOR 2026

- 1) **Welcome** – Karol Swartzlander, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging
- 2) **Presentations**
 - a) **Patrick Smith**, Research and Policy Analyst, California Commission on Aging
 - b) **Christina Mills**, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging
 - c) **Debbie Toth**, President & CEO, Choice in Aging
 - d) **Yasmin Peled**, Senior Policy Advocate, Justice in Aging

- e) **Dan Okenfuss**, Public Policy Manager, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- f) **Mariya Kalina**, Executive Director, California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS)
- g) **Donata Bohanec**, Executive Director, California Elder Justice Coalition (CEJC)
- h) **Jenna Shankman**, Policy Specialist, Family Caregiver Alliance and California Coalition on Family Caregiving
- i) **Aaron Carruthers**, Executive Officer, California State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- j) **Jason Sullivan-Halpern**, Association Director, California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA)
- k) **Nina Weiler-Harwell**, Associate Director, Advocacy & Community Engagement, AARP
- l) **Brian Rutledge**, Executive Officer, California Association for Adult Day Services
- m) **Q & A**

3) **Adjourn**

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