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**The California Commission on Aging Celebrates 50 Years of
Advocacy with “Get Loud: Celebrate Aging for All Californians” Gala**

SACRAMENTO --- On June 26, 2024, the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) will mark half a century of dedication to improving the lives of older adults across the state of California. The milestone will be commemorated with the “Get Loud! Celebrate Aging for All Californians” gala event, hosted at the Downtown Sheraton Grand in Sacramento.

The gala will bring together aging, disability, housing, healthcare, and workforce development stakeholders, elected officials, current and former Commissioners, and higher education partners for an evening of celebration and reflection. Festivities include a networking hour, a plated dinner, and a program highlighting the achievements and future goals of the Commission.

Dr. Shirley N. Weber, California Secretary of State, will deliver the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of advocacy and community support in safeguarding and enhancing the lives of California’s diverse aging population.

Proceeds from the gala will contribute to the establishment of scholarships aimed at raising awareness in Gerontology, Geriatrics, and related fields, as well as funding future Commission initiatives focused on advancing the normalization of aging across the lifespan.

Numerous organizations from across California have pledged their support for the “Get Loud!” event, including AKT Community for Health and Independence as the Title Sponsor, and California Health Advocates and Senior Medicare Patrol jointly sponsoring at the Platinum level. The contributions of sponsors and friends of the Commission are recognized on the CCoA website at <https://ccoa.ca.gov/>.

As the primary advocacy body for older Californians, the California Commission on Aging serves as a catalyst for addressing emerging challenges and opportunities faced by older adults. Advising the Governor, Legislature, and various state, federal, and local agencies, the Commission advocates for programs and services that promote equity, inclusion, autonomy, choice, access, respect, integrity, collaboration, and partnership. Meetings of the California Commission on Aging are open to the public. Visit <http://ccoa.ca.gov> for more information.

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