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### California Commission on Aging

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### California Commission on Aging Convenes for a General Meeting and Legislative Outreach in Sacramento

**SACRAMENTO** --- The California Commission on Aging (CCoA) will convene a General Meeting in Sacramento on February 11, 2026. The meeting will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at 2880 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 395, and on Zoom to accommodate those who wish to attend remotely. On February 12, Commissioners will be at the Capitol to meet with legislators and their staff to discuss CCoA policy priorities and sponsored bills. The Commission will also host a legislative lunch reception and networking event.

Commission-sponsored bills include:

- **State Public Conservator:** This bill would establish a State Public Conservator within the California Department of Social Services.
- **Long-term Care Mutual Aid:** This bill would direct the California Health and Human Services Agency to develop a long-term care mutual aid program. Co-sponsored with LeadingAge California.

Several key speakers will address the Commission at the General Meeting:

- **Dana Griffin**, Co-Founder and CEO of [Eldera.ai](https://eldera.ai) will provide an update on the CCoA/Eldera partnership and Eldera's vision for the future.
- **Karen M. Brown**, Partner at [Age Inclusive Management Strategies](https://www.ageinclusive.com) (AIMS), and CEO at iAging, and **Dr. Brian Kaskie** PhD., Founder of AIMS and Professor, University of Iowa College of Public Health, will present on the AIMS Cohort Project, a collaboration with



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CCOA to convene five California state departments in 2026 to engage in the AIMS program.

- **Susan DeMarois**, Director of the [California Department of Aging](#) (CDA), and **Sarah Steenhausen**, Deputy Director of Policy, Research, and Engagement at CDA, will provide updates.
- **Elizabeth Fuller**, Chief Consultant of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, will discuss the current Capitol landscape.

The agenda for the General Meeting and legislative outreach events is posted on the [CCoA website](#).

As the state's principal advocacy body for older adults, the California Commission on Aging advises state leaders, legislators, and governmental agencies on policies and programs that promote fairness, autonomy, choice, and dignity for all older Californians.