



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
Ice Breaker Room

Executive Committee

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10:00 Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions – Lorna VanAckeren

10:05 Approval of September 2025 minutes

Executive 09.03.25 DRAFT Minutes

[25-3972](#)

Attachments: [Executive 09.03.25 DRAFT Minutes](#)

10:10 Area Agency on Aging Report – Tracy Murray, AAA Director and/or Alicia Espinoza, AAA Program Manager

- West County RFP
- Access to Technology (ATT) Program Outcomes
- Age Friendly Campaign Update

ATT Program

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Attachments: [ATT Program](#)

10:30 President's Report – Lorna VanAckeren

- ACOA Annual Report due by 11/15/25 to Alicia Espinoza – aespinoza@ehsd.cccounty.us
- 2025 ACOA General meeting speakers
- Process/Blueprint for ACOA events
- Holiday Potluck reminder

11:05 Break

11:15 Committee Reports

- Membership & Nominating Committee – Jill Kleiner
- Planning Committee – Jill Kleiner | Kathryn Monroy - Dexter
- Housing Committee – Kevin Donovan

Legislative Support Letter for Assembly member Wicks Multi-Bill Fast Track Housing Package

- Health and Elder Abuse Prevention Committee – Mike Wener
- Legislative Committee and California Senior Legislature Update – Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson
- Technology Committee – Steve Lipson
- Senior Mobility Action Council (S.M.A.C./Transportation Committee)/Chair's request for event endorsement - Candace Evans

Revised Fast Track Housing Letter

[25-3973](#)

Attachments: [Revised Fast Track Housing Letter](#)

11:40 Consent Items

- > Leave of Absences:
 - Candace Evans – August 2025

11:45 Public Comment

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

- Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Please note: The Executive Committee will not meet in November

Adjourn

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Staff Report

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
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Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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10:00 Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions – Lorna VanAckeren, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Roll call was conducted, and 7 out of 9 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present	Kevin Donovan, Michelle Hayes, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, Lorna Van Ackeren, Candace Evans, and Michael Wener
Excused	Terri Tobey
Absent	Shirley Krohn

10:05 Approval of August 2025 minutes

Mike Wener made a motion to approve the minutes. Jill Kleiner seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved.

Motion:	Wener
Second:	Kleiner
Aye:	Donovan, Hayes, Kleiner, Lipson, Van Ackeren, Evans, and Wener
Absent:	Krohn
Result:	Passed

EX08.06.15DRAFTMinutes

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Attachments: [EX08.06.15DRAFTMinutes](#)

10:10 Area Agency on Aging Report – Tracy Murray, AAA Director and/or Alicia Espinoza, AAA Program Manager

West County Senior Nutrition RFP – The RFP was published on 8/7/2025. The Bids were due on 8/26/2025. Several bids were received and are being reviewed by Fiscal. Assuming more than one bid passes Fiscal Review, a Program Review Panel will meet Tuesday, 9/23 at 11:15 am (tentative). Recommendations will be forwarded to Tracy Murray, The Director of Aging and Adult Services, for a final decision.

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10:30 Committee Reports

> Membership & Nominating Committee – Jill Kleiner

- An Orientation for new ACOA members was held on 8/27/2025. Several excellent new members are eager to participate in the ACOA's work.
- Gerry LaLonde-Berg was interviewed and recommended to the Board of Supervisors as Alternate #3.
- Holly Frates was recommended to be promoted from Alternate #3 to MAL #9.
- Teresa Wright was recommended as Alternate #4.
- Six city seats are currently vacant and Moraga will be vacant soon.
- A Clayton member is being appointed.
- Nominating Committee – Kathryn Monroy-Dexter is the chair. Some people have already expressed interest in the Officer roles.

> Planning Committee – Jill Kleiner

- A focus group revisitation presentation in Oakley is being scheduled.
- Scheduling quarterly site visits to community agencies. The first one will be to Choice in Aging. Space is limited. Sign ups will occur at the General meeting.
- The Committee reviewed a draft of their Annual Report. Committee Chairs will receive a full copy of last year's report as reference. Drafts from each Committee are due back to the Planning Committee by November 15.
- County Supervisors received \$1 million in funding per District and are requesting feedback about the Funding. A survey is being conducted and several supervisors are holding in-person/webinar events to gather information. Discussion of steps ACOA members can take to advocate for senior services to receive funding. Alicia will send to the Committee a proposed summary of effects of HR 1 as resource material.

> Housing Committee – Kevin Donovan

- Center for Elders Independence opened 3 new PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) centers in the East Bay (Livermore, El Sobrante, Oakland).
- Assembly Member Wicks' staff member, Steve Wertheim, discussed the Legislative package of bills to streamline the process to get affordable housing focused approved.
- Oscar Wei, Deputy Chief Economist with the California Association of Realtors gave a presentation on the housing market.
- Alex Werth, Research Consultant with Bay Area Finance Authority will be at the September 15 meeting to present findings from his study of Bay Area/Contra Costa evictions.
- Hoping to have Continuum of Care report in future meeting.

> Health Workgroup – Mike Wener

- No meeting last month.
- Denise Kalm will present at the next meeting.
- Terri is on Leave through October.

> Legislative Workgroup and California Senior Legislature Update – Steve Lipson for Shirley Krohn

- SB 707 Legislation (to revise the Brown Act) has cleared the Suspense File and will be voted on before 9/12/2025. If it passes, it will be sent to the Governor's desk. He has until 10/30 to sign the bill. ACLU is still opposed. Supporters are working to get them to not oppose it.

- California Senior Legislature session will be held at the end of October.

> Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- At the next meeting, hoping to have a speaker from Contra Costa Public Health re proposal for older adult education through Public Health.

- Alicia will provide a summary of the Access to Technology (ATT) program outcomes to the ACOA General meeting.

- Her summary will also be presented at the California Senior Legislature session.

> Senior Mobility Action Council (Transportation Workgroup) – Candace Evans

- Special meeting called on 9/11/2025 from noon to 1:30 pm.

- The Committee is organizing a Transportation workshop on Monday, November 17th 11-2 at Don Tatkin Center in Lafayette. Speakers include – Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan, and Mark Orcutt, East Bay Leadership Council.

- Candace arranged free eggs, organic farm boxes, pumpkins, chickens, turkeys, and veggies for the participants.

10:55 President's Report – Lorna VanAckeren

- Leave of Absence Form – please use the LOA form going forward. Form to be distributed at October meeting.

- Annual Report – Committee Draft Reports due by 11/15/2025.

- Holiday Potluck – proposed for December meeting, sign up list will be available at the September meeting. Mike suggested asking for volunteer to organize the event.

- Letter of support – working on draft for legislative letters of support.

11:05 Break

11:10 AB 474 update – Tracy/Alicia

- AB 474 (bill regarding income from home-sharing) is currently in Fiscal Committee with State Legislature. Alicia will give Kevin & Gerry LaLonde Berg a draft letter of support to be reviewed by the ACOA at a later date.

11:20 Future ACOA General Meeting Presentations:

- September: Family Justice Center

- October: In Home Supportive Services

- November: Hiatus

- December: Presentations by City Reps / Potluck

11:30 Consent Items

> Leave of Absences:

- Sarah Green – June 2025
- Candace Evans – June 2025
- Roger Boaz – June 2025
- Nikki Lopez – June 2025
- Richard Morisky – June 2025
- Terri Tobey – October 2025
- Steven Freshman – September 2025
- Sam Sakai- Miller – September through December 2025

> Appointments:

- Michael Wener - Vice President 2025 (remainder of the year)
- Teresa Wright – Alternate #4
- Holly Frates – Member at Large #9 (promoting from Alternate #3)
- Gerry La-Londe Berg – Alternate #3

Jill Kleiner made a motion to approve the Consent items. Michelle Hayes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed with a majority vote of 7.

Motion: Kleiner

Second: Hayes

Aye: Donovan, Hayes, Kleiner, Lipson, Van Ackeren, Evans, and Wener

Absent: Krohn

Result: Passed

11:35 Public comment:

Candace suggested nominating Jim Donnelly as Emeritus member of the ACOA. The process to appoint an Emeritus Member per ACOA Bylaws (3.7), the Executive Committee suggests to General ACOA that the person be appointed as an Emeritus Member. We do not need a motion but we will put on September general meeting agenda under the Consent Items.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

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EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES

California Department of Aging (CDA) Access To Technology (ATT) Program

Administered by Contra Costa County's Area Agency on Aging



Access To Technology (ATT) Program

- » Grant-based initiative by the California Department of Aging intended to reduce the “digital divide” for older adults and people with disabilities across the state.
- » Purpose: to provide not just devices and connectivity, but also training and support so that participants can meaningfully use technology (rather than simply owning it).
- » An opt-in county grant program, meaning that counties (via local agencies) choose to participate and receive funding to deliver ATT services in their jurisdictions
- » Program Duration: 2022 – September 30, 2024



Eligibility

- » Over 60 years of age OR over 18 years of age with a disability
- » Participants must be without a device or internet service
- » Participants must reside in Contra Costa County
- » Priority is given to individuals with greatest economic and social need

Overview of Program Goals

- » **Expand access** to technology
- » **Reduce** social isolation
- » **Increase** digital literacy
- » **Strengthen** community connections

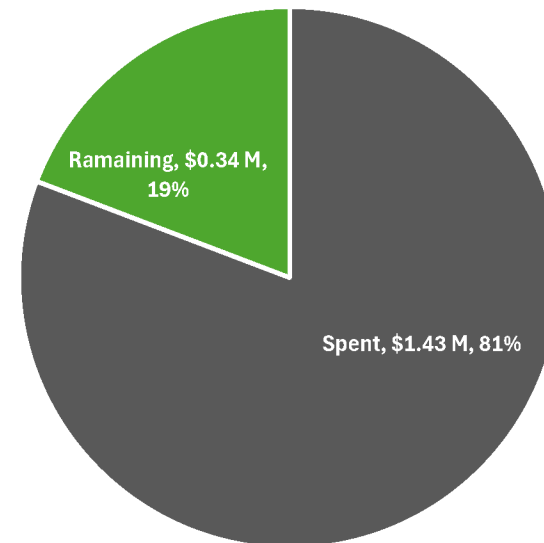


Devices and Data Plans

- » Galaxy 7 Lite tablets
- » Galaxy A14 5G phones
- » Pro wired handsfree earphones w/mic
- » iPad 9 tablets
- » 12-month data plan

Funding

- » Allocation: \$1.77 million
- » Spent: \$1.43 million
- » Remaining: \$0.34 million



Subcontractors

Contra Costa County Public Health

AAA leveraged and utilized Public Health's infrastructure to render devices and training via existing APS case managers through established relationships with at risk clients.

Community Tech Network (CTN)

CTN (now Digital Lift) partnered with 15 CC CBOs by utilizing our well-established Provider Network to gain learner referrals, train Digital Lift Navigators, provide digital literacy training, produce tools/literacy guides, and conduct outreach to gain participants.

City of Pittsburg Senior Center

Established onsite computer center easily accessible to seniors with 13 workstations where digital literacy trainings the public was given access to technology.

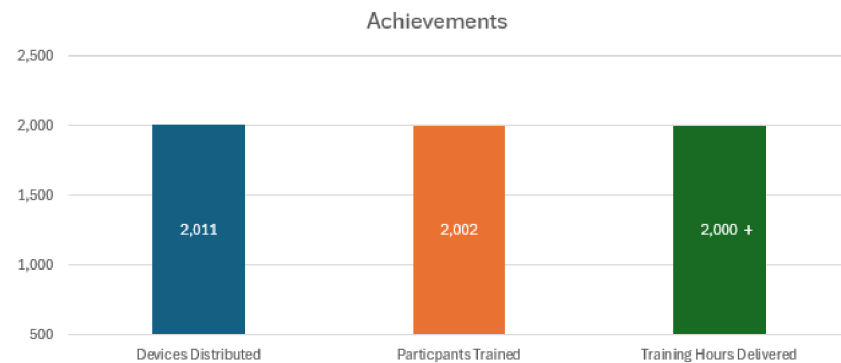
Partnering for Participants

Amborse Community Center
Antioch Senior Center
Independent Living Resource Center Pleasant Hill
Danville Senior Center
J-Sei
Miraflores Richmond
Monument Crisis Center
Oakley Senior Center
Rainbow Community Center
San Pablo Senior Center
Corrine Saine Senior and Family Community Center
Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)
Ecumenical Association for Housing (EAH)



Achievements

- » **2,011** Devices Distributed
- » **2,002** Participants Trained
- » **2,000+** Training Hours Delivered
- » Digital Literacy trainings offered in 13 languages
- » CTN hosted celebratory graduation for learners



Challenges

- » Partner capacity limits
- » Device theft/damage
- » Demand > Supply
- » Sustainability post grant





Outcomes

- » Greater **confidence** using technology
- » Safer **internet navigation**
- » Improved **access** to care & resources
- » Stronger **family/community connections**
- » **Decreased** isolation
- » **Improved equity** amongst older adults



Success Stories

 **Connected to Care** – client experiencing homelessness used a phone to stay in touch with care teams.

 **Safer Online** – learners gained confidence in assessing protentional scams online.



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Proposed letter stating support for Assemblymember Wicks package of legislation supporting faster processing of housing requests.

To be addressed to all assembly members and state senators representing Contra Costa County.

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) advises the Board of Supervisors on matters related to the planning, development, and administration of programs for older adults and adults with disabilities. Please note that any comments, recommendations, opinions, or positions expressed by the ACOA or its members do not represent the official position of the County or its officers.

We are writing in support of the package of legislative bills being introduced in the State Senate and Assembly aimed at improving the efficiency of the review, approval, and construction of new housing. Known as the **“Fast Track Housing Package,”** this collection of twenty-two complementary bills is designed to streamline the housing approval process without compromising environmental or safety standards.

Led by Assemblymember Wicks whose recognition that the current approval process is not working is the basis for this “Fast Track Housing Package”. Through a bipartisan and bicameral approach, the strategy is taking meaningful steps to reform the system and accelerate the development of new housing projects. As outlined, the “Fast Track Housing Package” addresses five key bottlenecks in the approval process—application, CEQA compliance, entitlement, post-entitlement, and enforcement. These bills aim to eliminate inefficiencies at each of these stages, thereby reducing project timelines, lowering costs, and enabling faster housing development.

The lack of affordable housing **for the senior aging community and the disabled** is a critical issue affecting communities across California, particularly in Contra Costa County. The package of bills reflects a deep understanding of the housing development and approval process and it is a bold initiative to “reset” the system that is both far-reaching and well-supported on both sides of the aisle.

The Advisory Council on Aging appreciates Assemblymember Wicks for sponsoring and organizing this comprehensive legislative effort to increase the availability of new and affordable housing in our county and across the state and we are requesting your support in voting for this package of legislation.

Respectfully,

Lorna VanAckeren, President