



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, February 23, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Classroom

Housing Committee

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/81296954794>

PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via webinar. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: Center for Elders' Independence, 1465 Civic Ct., Concord, CA 94520; Mira Flores Senior Housing, 150 S. 45th St., Community Rm., Richmond, CA 94804; Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, 2702 Clayton Rd., #202, Concord, CA 94519; 14720 Byron Highway, #4, Bryon, CA 94514

10:00 Call To Order / Welcome – Kevin Donovan, Chair

Introductions

Present Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Logan Robertson, Sonja Shepard, and Victoria Snyder

Absent Roger Boaz, and Uche Uwahemu

10:03 Review/Approve: Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Robertson

Second: Fowler

Aye: Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, LaLonde-Berg, Robertson, Shepard, and Snyder

Absent: Boaz, and Uwahemu

Result: Passed

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- 10:10 Presentation: California Senior Legislature (CSL), Steve Lipson, CSL Senior Legislator
- State legislators may introduce a maximum of 35 bills over a 2-year period.
 - If a legislator intends to introduce a bill in January 2027, preparation work is already underway now.
 - CSL has a March deadline for submitting bills for the 2027 legislative year.
 - Within CSL, only 10 proposals per year are allowed to move forward.
 - Any CSL proposal with a cost is rejected immediately.
 - Legislative proposals often take more than one year to advance; the process can be lengthy.
 - Additionally, Steve provided a demonstration on the use of AI tools such as ChatGPT and Notebook LM (Google).
 - Caution on using AI:
 - AI is not private, so beware of entering any sensitive information.
 - Information might not be accurate due to AI “hallucinations” and human review for accuracy is essential.
- 11:00 Review: State Legislative and ACOA Advocacy Timeline
- Compared the 2026 state legislative timeline with the ACOA process for reviewing and approval of legislative support letters.
- Legislative Timeline ACOA Support Letter Process [26-638](#)
- 11:10 Update: “No Place to Call Home” – Nhang Luong
- A small group will work on updating the presentation.
- 11:15 Update: Home Match – Logan Robertson, Director, Home Match Contra Costa
- 24 matches this year (compared to 16 last year and 8 the year before).
 - There are currently 13 units available.
 - The program recently started holding office hours twice a month at the Office of Supervisor Gioia.
- 11:20 Information Sharing
- The documentary “No Place to Grow Old,” focusing on homelessness and older adults, is available for community screening.
 - The City of Richmond will host a transportation workshop on April 30, with more details to come.
- 11:50 Plan Next Meeting
- Next meeting will be on March 16, 2026.

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