



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA  
Boardroom

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#### ACOA General Meeting

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/84280794921>

#### PUBLIC ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: 324 El Divisadero Ave, Walnut Creek; 165 Natalie Dr. Moraga; 2950 Buskirk Ave, Suite 330, Walnut Creek; 14720 Byron Highway #4, Byron; 26 Orinda Wy., Orinda; 400 El Cerro Blvd., Danville; 2756 Lily Ct. Antioch; 1954 Pomar Way, Walnut Creek; 3014 Grey Eagle Dr., Walnut Creek

10:00 Call to Order/Introductions: Lorna VanAckeren, ACOA Vice - President

10:01 Roll Call

10:02 Approve June 2025 Draft Minutes

[25-3388](#)

**Attachments:** [Gen.06.18.2025DraftMinutes](#)

10:05 Area Agency on Aging Report:

AAA updates: Alicia Espinoza/Tracy Murray

Senior Nutrition West County RFP 1226

Contracting Opportunities:

<https://ehsd.org/overview/contracting-opportunities/>

Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County – RFP 122

Age-Friendly Campaign Update

Contract Renewals Status

Transition to Webinars and ACOA meeting room changes

Staffing Updates

California Welfare Directors Association analysis of State budget initiatives

Statement from CWDA + analysis of EHSD of impacts

Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226 [25-3376](#)

**Attachments:** [Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226](#)

ACOA meeting room changes [25-3377](#)

**Attachments:** [ACOA meeting room changes](#)

500 Ellinwood 1st Floor Map [25-3378](#)

**Attachments:** [500 Ellinwood 1st Floor Map](#)

Statement from CWDA + analysis of EHSD of impacts [25-3379](#)

**Attachments:** [Statement from CWDA + analysis of EHSD of impacts](#)

10:30 Presentation: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (Susan Jamerson, Eugenia Hidalgo – Malacas, Pam Brown) insert HICAP PPT

HICAP PPT 8.20 [25-3380](#)

**Attachments:** [HICAP PPT 8.20](#)

11:00 Caucus for Nominating Committee: Jill Kleiner (breakout groups)

ACOA members by district [25-3381](#)

**Attachments:** [ACOA members by district](#)

ACOA officer roles [25-3382](#)

**Attachments:** [ACOA officer roles](#)

11:15 Break

11:25 ACOA Vice - President's Report: Lorna VanAckeren

11:30 Committee and Workgroup Reports: Chairs (2-3 min each)

Membership: Lorna VanAckeren/Jill Kleiner

Planning: Jill Kleiner

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Michael Wener

Housing: Kevin Donovan

Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson - State and Federal Legislation Tracking & Regulation Tracking | <https://www.billtrack50.com/info/>

Technology: Steve Lipson

Transportation: Candace Evans

11:50 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

11:55 Consent Items: None

11:56 Public Comments / Announcements

12:00 Adjourn

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

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For Additional Information Contact: Dixie Peralta, [dperalta@ehsd.cccounty.us](mailto:dperalta@ehsd.cccounty.us) (925) 655-0774



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-3388  
10:02

**Agenda Date:** 8/21/2025

**Agenda #:**

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Advisory Board: General Meeting  
Subject: June 2025 Draft Minutes

Information: Approve General Meeting - June 2025 Draft Minutes

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill  
Board Room A/B

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#### General Meeting

| Link:| [https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/89014040093?](https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/89014040093?pwd=bng3eqDmqbvHLB6wYUsOMaMrKgnvTZ.1)

[pwd=bng3eqDmqbvHLB6wYUsOMaMrKgnvTZ.1](https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/89014040093?pwd=bng3eqDmqbvHLB6wYUsOMaMrKgnvTZ.1) | Password: 484165 | Dial-in: 214 765 0478 or  
8882780254 (US Toll Free) | Conference code: 698779 | ID:89

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10:00 Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, ACOA President

Introductions

Roll Call

#### Present

Chalo Buckman, Deborah Card, Brock Dubbels, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Alan Goldhammer, Michelle Hayes, Riki Juster, Bryan Harris, Carol Kehoe, Denise Kalm, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Brian O'Toole, Deanna Perry, Logan Robertson, Carol Schaefer, Sharon Sakai-Miller, Victoria Snyder, Terri Tobey, Uche Uwahemu, Lorna Van Ackeren, Elaine Welch, Michael Wener, and Dennis Yee

#### Excused

Roger Boaz, Sarah Green, Thomas Lang, Nikki Lopez, Richard Morisky, and Candace Evans

#### Absent

Francisco Benavides, and Cate Burkhart

10:00 Approve May Draft Minutes

[25-2387](#)

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**Attachments:** [Gen.05.21.25DraftMinutes-1](#)

**Motion:** Van Ackeren

**Second:** Wener

**Aye:** Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Robertson, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee

**Absent:** Benavides, and Burkhardt

**Result:** Passed

10:05 Area Agency on Aging Reports:

AAA updates: Alicia Espinoza, Division Manager  
Age-Friendly Campaign Update – will be launched in July and include billboards, social media, radio ads. Alicia will check on whether the materials will be in languages other than English.

Contracting FY 25-26 – Received budget from the State. Staff renewing contracts

Senior Nutrition RFPs – Home Delivered Meal and Congregate Meal contracts awarded to Meals on Wheels Diablo Region and J-Sei. Trio will continue to provide the actual meals. An RFP for West County will have to be reissued since we did not receive any bids for that service. In the meantime, in order not to disrupt services, a six-month extension will be issued to the existing West County provider.

Transition to Zoom Webinars – starting in August meetings, we will transition from Zoom “meetings” to Zoom “webinars”. Alicia is developing materials to aid the transition.

Staff Updates – Dixie Peralta will join AAA staff on July 1st, Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas is our new HICAP staff member. We will also have a new Program Analyst starting on July 10th.

Tracy Murray, Director reported:

Funding for most programs Older Americans Act program is flat, but that nutrition funding is decreased. Funding from another source, Modernizing the Older Californian's Act (MOCA) is also down, and is slated to end fiscal year 2026-2027. The funding decreases will most significantly impact on the senior nutrition program, in particular the Home Delivered Meal program. Ms. Murray provided the very good news that Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa has committed \$1.6 million to help fill the gap.

She also reported on the status of state and federal legislation and noted that the California Welfare Directors Association provides excellent analysis of state budget initiatives and noted she would include their report in the next ACOA Council meeting packet. On the federal front, Medi-Cal work requirements appear to be gaining traction. On a state front, the legislature has counted Governor Newsom's proposal to reinstate Medical Asset limits of \$2,000 with a limit of \$130,000.

10:30 Presentation: Adult Protective Services (Marcy Hara - APS Division Manager)  
See slides in agenda packet.

APS PP

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**Attachments:** [APS Presentation 06-11-25](#)

11:00 Break

11:10 ACOA President's Report: Jim Donnelly  
Committee chairs to report on their goals/objectives from the Area Plan  
1.1 continued  
2.1 Jim is the community rep to food security collaborative

## 11:20 Committee and Workgroup Reports:

Membership: Julie Ortega - No report provided.

Planning: Jill Kleiner - Jill provided updates on the Planning Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan. Next focus group revisit meeting will be at Monument Crisis Center on 6/26/25 facilitated by Marilyn Fowler with Nhang Long presenting.

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Terri Tobey/Michael Wener

Mike provided updates on the Health & Elder Abuse Prevention Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Housing: Kevin Donovan

Letter of Support AB 474 Home Share Act of 2025 – bill passed Assembly, edits will be made to the letter in the packet.

Motion: Kalm made a motion to approve the Letter of Support (with the minor edits). VanAckeren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was approved. Logan Robertson Abstain.

Kevin provided updates on the Housing Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Legislative: Steve Lipson

SB 239 deactivated and combined with SB 707. Will be heard by the Assembly Committee on Local Government.

Will send individual letter of support to ACOA members.

Steve is working with California Senior Legislature (CSL) on a bill to allow older adult educational opportunities including technology.

Technology: Steve Lipson

Will send information to ACOA members about AARP's Older Adults Technology Services

Steve provided updates on the Technology Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Transportation: Jim Donnelly for Candace Evans

Jim provided updates on the Transportation Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Letter AB474

[25-2389](#)

**Attachments:**

[AB 474 Letter 3-23-25](#)

**Motion:**

**Kalm**

**Second:**

**Van Ackeren**

**Aye:**

**Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee**

**Absent:**

**Benavides, and Burkhart**



**Abstain:** Robertson

**Result:** Passed

Housing Info [25-2390](#)

**Attachments:** [AB 474 to Expand Affordable Housing Options](#)

Bill Info [25-2391](#)

**Attachments:** [Bill Text CA AB474 2025-2026 Regular Session Introduced](#)  
[LegiScan](#)

Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson - CA SB239/BillTrack50

Technology: Steve Lipson

Transportation: Candace Evans

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

Most recent work on advocacy policy. Thanks to Bryan Harris, Lorna VanAckeren, Jim Donnelly, and Michelle Hayes who reviewed all California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS) proposed bills.

May revise proposals:

Asset test proposed to be reinstated. This would negatively affect 112,000 Californians.

Placing caps on IHSS overtime – affecting the caregiving workforce

Call your legislators!

Justice in Aging is an excellent resource for fact sheets, toolkits

OAA 60 Birthday Celebration – please join us!

Scan Foundation presented a webinar “Whats going on with Medicaid?” yesterday.

11:50 Consent Items:

Approve Alternate seats:

Indy Sekhon – Alternate 1

Deborah Wiener – Alternate 2

Holly Frates – Alternate 3

**Motion:** Lipson

**Second:** Donovan

**Aye:** Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee

**Absent:** Benavides, and Burkhart

**Abstain:** Robertson

**Result:** Passed

**11:55 Public Comment/Announcements:**

David Linnell, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region will fundraise to continue the breakfast bags program so those who are currently receiving breakfast will continue to receive it.

Debbie acknowledged Rhonda Rochon Smith, Contra Costa Health. Thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting.

New Business for next meeting:

No meeting is scheduled for July 2025, Committee is on recess.

Next scheduled meeting is August 20, 2025 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will present at August meeting and In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) at September meeting.

12:00 Adjourn: Jim Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

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For additional information contact: Alicia Espinoza (925) 655-0771 or [aespinoza@ehsd.cccounty.us](mailto:aespinoza@ehsd.cccounty.us).

**HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Persons who wish to address the Advisory Council on Aging during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should speak when called upon by the chair. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing \* 9 on their phone. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of the annual Area Agency Plan and operations conducted thereunder, in accordance with mandates from the Older Americans Act. Any comments or recommendations made by the Council or its individual members do not represent the official position of the County or any of its officers.



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**Total Funding: \$247,027** - (OAA, MOCA, MX)

- C1 Congregate: **\$12,469 to provide 2,375 meals** at Corrine Sain Senior & Family Community Center in Richmond, CA.
- C2 Home-Delivered: **\$234,558 to home deliver 88,512 meals** to West County residents
- Contracting period: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.



**EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Aging and Adult Services Bureau**  
**Area Agency on Aging**  
**Title III C Senior Nutrition Program – West County**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 1226**

**SECTION 2: RFP 1226 TIMELINE**

RFP Published	Thursday, August 7, 2025
Question Submittal Period Submit questions to: <a href="mailto:contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us">contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us</a>	August 7 – 15, by close of Bidders' Conference
<b>Recommended Bidders' Conference</b>	<b>Friday, August 15, 2025</b> <b>2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST</b>
Questions and Answers Posted	August 20, 2025
<b>Mandatory Letter of Intent (LOI) to Submit Proposal Due Date. Submit LOI to <a href="mailto:contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us">contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us</a></b>	<b>Friday, August 22, 2025</b> <b>by 5:00 p.m. PST</b>
<b>RFP Proposal Response Submission Due Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 26, 2025</b> <b>By 5:00 p.m. PST – No Exceptions</b>
EHSD Compliance Review and Evaluation	August 27 – 29, 2025
EHSD Fiscal Review and Evaluation	September 2 – 15, 2025
AAS Bureau Review and Evaluation	September 16 – 25, 2025
Award Notification	September 26, 2025
Appeal Period (10 business days)	September 29 – October 10, 2025
Contract Negotiation & Processing	October – November 2025
Board of Supervisors' Authorization of Contracts over \$200,000	December 2025
Projected Contract(s) Start	January 1, 2026

\*All dates are subject to change as deemed in the best interest of EHSD.

Contact (RFP Process only):	EHSD Contracts Unit
Contact Phone:	(925) 608-4969
Contact Email:	<a href="mailto:contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us">contractbid@ehsd.cccounty.us</a>
Bidders Conference Webinar:	Friday, August 15, 2025 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

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# 2025 ACOA MEETING SCHEDULE

## OCTOBER 2025

COMMITTEE	MEETING			LOCATION		STAFF		SUBMISSION DEADLINES		
	RECURRING	DATE	TIME	BLDG#	ROOM	ANALYST	PHONE#	MATERIALS TO ACOA CHAIR	DOCS TO CLERICAL	LEGISTAR POSTING
SMAC	1st Monday	10/06/25	1:00-2:30 pm	500	Corner Conference	Thomas Weisbrich	(925) 655-0776	09/22/25	09/29/25	10/02/25
Planning	1st Tuesday	10/07/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Corner Conference	Cristina Ugaitafa	(925) 655-0775	09/23/25	09/29/25	10/02/25
Executive	1st Wednesday	10/01/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Ice Breaker room	Alicia Espinoza	(925) 655-0771	09/17/25	09/23/25	09/26/25
Health	2nd Monday	10/13/25	1:00-2:30 pm	500	Corner Conference	Cristina Ugaitafa	(925) 655-0775	09/29/25	10/05/25	10/08/25
Legislative	2nd Tuesday	10/14/25	N/A					09/30/25	10/06/25	10/09/25
Technology	2nd Wednesday	10/08/25	1:30-3:30 pm	500	Classroom	Glenda Pacha	(925) 655-0772	09/24/25	09/30/25	10/03/25
Housing	3rd Monday	10/20/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Classroom	Nhang Luong	(925) 655-1385	10/06/25	10/12/25	10/15/25
General	3rd Wednesday	10/15/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Boardroom	Jenny Lam	(925) 655-0773	10/01/25	10/07/25	10/10/25
Membership	3rd Wednesday	10/15/25	12:15-2:00 pm	500	Corner Conference	Jenny Lam	(925) 655-0773	10/01/25	10/07/25	10/10/25

## DECEMBER 2025

COMMITTEE	MEETING			LOCATION		STAFF		SUBMISSION DEADLINES		
	RECURRING	DATE	TIME	BLDG#	ROOM	ANALYST	PHONE#	MATERIALS TO ACOA CHAIR	DOCS TO CLERICAL	LEGISTAR POSTING
SMAC	1st Monday	12/01/25	1:00-2:30 pm	500	Corner Conference	Thomas Weisbrich	(925) 655-0776	11/17/25	11/24/25	11/27/25
Planning	1st Tuesday	12/02/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Corner Conference	Cristina Ugaitafa	(925) 655-0775	11/18/25	11/24/25	11/27/25
Executive	1st Wednesday	12/03/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Ice Breaker room	Alicia Espinoza	(925) 655-0771	11/19/25	11/25/25	11/28/25
Health	2nd Monday	12/08/25	1:00-2:30 pm	500	Corner Conference	Cristina Ugaitafa	(925) 655-0775	11/24/25	11/30/25	12/03/25
Legislative	2nd Tuesday	12/09/25						11/25/25	12/01/25	12/04/25
Technology	2nd Wednesday	12/10/25	1:30-3:30 pm	500	Classroom	Glenda Pacha	(925) 655-0772	11/26/25	12/02/25	12/05/25
Housing	3rd Monday	12/15/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Classroom	Nhang Luong	(925) 655-1385	12/01/25	12/07/25	12/10/25
General	3rd Wednesday	12/17/25	10:00-12:00 pm	500	Boardroom	Jenny Lam	(925) 655-0773	12/03/25	12/09/25	12/12/25
Membership	3rd Wednesday	12/17/25	12:15-2:00 pm	500	Corner Conference	Jenny Lam	(925) 655-0773	12/03/25	12/09/25	12/12/25



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1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
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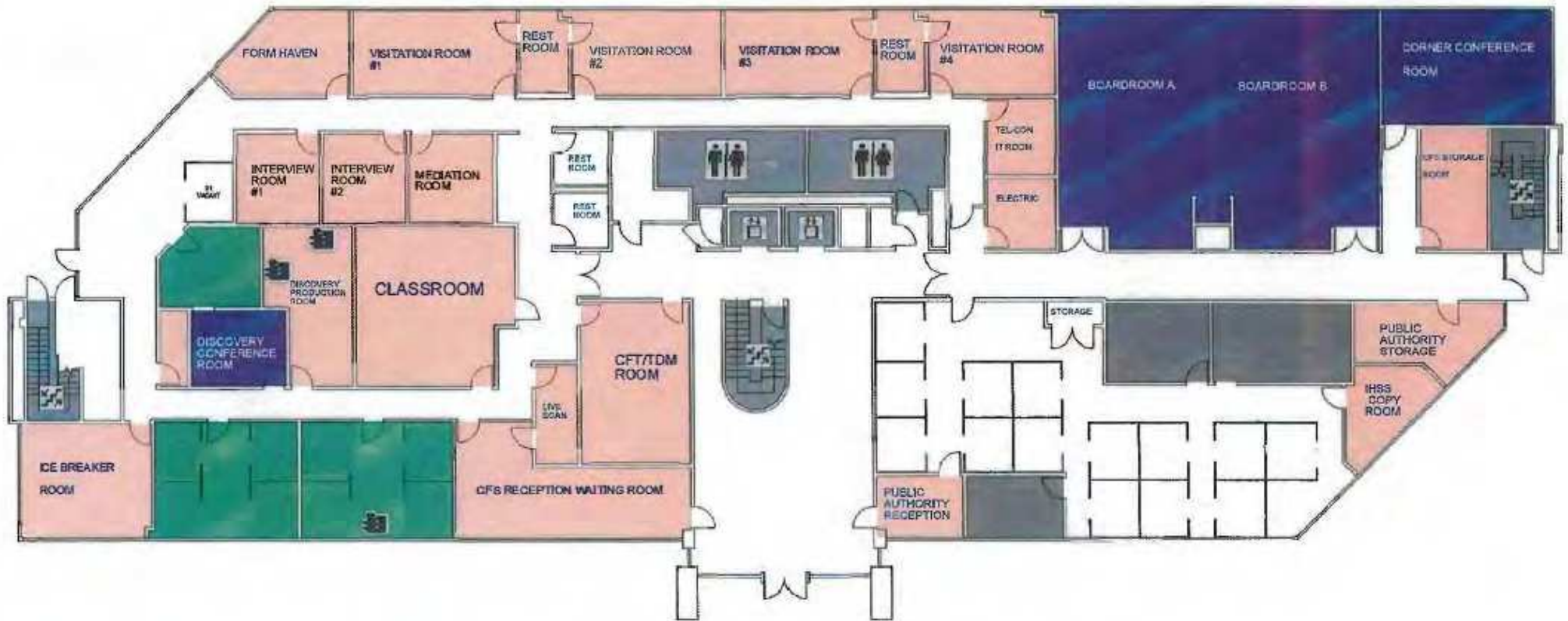
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# 500 Ellinwood-1st Fl

EHSD

May 7, 2025







# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-3379

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# Trump's Signature Domestic Legislative Achievement An Unprecedented Assault On Millions of Californians

Press release | July 3, 2025 | Carlos Marquez III

Sacramento, CA – The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) of California issued the following statement from Executive Director Carlos Marquez III today on President Trump's disastrous signature domestic legislation to extend tax breaks for billionaires, which cuts \$1 trillion in Medicaid and other health programs and decimates the nation's food assistance program:

"County human services officials who devote their life's work to keeping vulnerable families and individuals safe, healthy, housed, and fed are dismayed by the passage of H.R.1 and the overnight dismantling of California's safety net as we know it. The human suffering and societal costs this legislation will wrought are nearly incalculable, except that Congress and the White House had full knowledge of its unconscionable impacts and chose to wage a war on the poor and working poor anyway – over 700,000 low-income Californians may go hungry, up to 3.4 million will now be at risk of losing their healthcare."

"Counties will endeavor to continue our role as an indispensable backstop against unmitigated sickness and poverty, to ensure children have the nutrition and healthcare they need to go to school and parents to work, but we cannot weather this deeply uncertain moment alone. We stand ready to work with the Governor and Legislature to deliver on our mission now more than ever."

## ✓ Related Profiles

**Carlos Marquez III**

**Executive Director**



**Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department**  
**Federal & State Impacts**  
*As of August 4, 2025*

#	FEDERAL IMPACTS	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY IMPACTS
1.	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA); Interpretation of "Federal Public Benefit" (July 14, 2025)	<p>As of July 14, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued separate Federal Notices of Public Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). The USDA, DOE and DOJ notices did not accept public comments. The HHS notice is effective immediately, though is accepting public comments through August 13, 2025.</p> <p>Programs <b>newly categorized</b> as a "public benefit program":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Start;</li> <li>• Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) and career and technical education (CTE) programs;</li> <li>• Community Services Block Grant (CSBG);</li> <li>• Title IV-E programs (Educational and Training Voucher Program, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program and Prevention Services Program);</li> <li>• USDA licensing, grants, payments and loan programs</li> </ul> <p>EHSD programs <b>currently categorized</b> as "public benefit program"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption Assistance;</li> <li>• Child Care and Development Fund;</li> <li>• Foster Care;</li> <li>• Independent Living Program;</li> <li>• Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);</li> <li>• Medicaid (except assistance for an emergency medical condition);</li> <li>• Refugee Cash Assistance;</li> <li>• Refugee Medical Assistance;</li> <li>• Refugee Unaccompanied Minors Program;</li> <li>• Repatriation Program;</li> <li>• Social Services Block Grant (SSBG);</li> <li>• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);</li> <li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).</li> </ul> <p>PRWORA limits access to 8 categories as listed below.</p> <p>Currently eligible and <b>remain eligible</b> (per National Immigration Law Center)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawful permanent residents or people with green cards</li> <li>• Refugees and people granted asylum</li> <li>• People granted withholding of deportation/removal, conditional entrants</li> <li>• People granted parole by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a period of at least one year</li> <li>• Cuban and Haitian entrants</li> <li>• Certain abused immigrants, their children and/or their parents</li> <li>• Certain survivors of trafficking</li> <li>• Individuals in the US pursuant to a compact of free association (COFA)</li> </ul> <p>Currently eligible and <b>no longer eligible</b> (per National Immigration Law Center)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with temporary protected status</li> <li>• Applicants for adjustment to Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) status with approved visa petitions</li> <li>• Applicants for asylum or withholding of deportation/removal</li> <li>• People paroled for less than one year, with deferred enforced departure, or deferred action</li> <li>• Special immigrant juveniles</li> <li>• U Visa Holders</li> <li>• People with valid nonimmigrant status or nonimmigrant visas</li> <li>• Longtime residents</li> </ul>

**Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department**  
**Federal & State Impacts**  
*As of August 4, 2025*

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People under an order of supervision who have employment authorization</li> <li>• People granted family unity</li> <li>• Applications for the following status who have been granted employment authorization: cancellation of removal or suspension of deportation, adjustment under the LIFE Act, lawful temporary residents and applicants for legalization under IRCA, registry</li> </ul> <p>Currently eligible and <b>no longer eligible</b> (per the CA Welfare Directors Association)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</li> <li>• Individuals granted employment authorization</li> <li>• Individual with non-immigrant visas</li> </ul>
2.	<u>H.R. 1</u> : SNAP Administrative Cost Share raises state/county contribution from 50 to 75% (10/1/2026)	States and the Feds currently share the <b>cost of administering SNAP</b> 50%/50%. Effective 10/1/26, the Feds will only pay 25% leaving states with 75%. In California, the state pays 70% of administrative costs and counties pay 30%. The state has signaled this ratio will remain meaning cost <u>will rise for counties</u> . POTENTIAL LOCAL IMPACT: In FY25/26, Contra Costa County share is \$7,387,572. A 25% increase would be an additional ~\$1,846,893 per year assuming no change in caseload.
3.	<u>H.R. 1</u> : New SNAP Benefit Cost Share for States based on Error Rate Tier (10/1/2027)	For the first time ever, states are required to <b>share the cost of SNAP benefits</b> (effective 10/1/27) based on state error rate. CA is currently in highest error rate category equivalent to a 15% state share (~10% state-wide error rate). It is unknown if the state will pass this to counties at all, and if they do, if it may be based on county error rate. POTENTIAL LOCAL IMPACT: In 2024, Contra Costa County issued \$244,941,947 in CalFresh benefits. An annual county share 15% would be ~\$36,741,292 assuming no change in caseload.
	<u>H.R. 1</u> : SNAP Work Requirements	Existing <b>Waivers of work requirements</b> are removed for ages 50-64, parent with dependent child ages 14-17, unhoused, veterans, youth aged out of foster care at 18 and currently under 24. Local impact unknown yet.
4.	<u>H.R. 1</u> : Medicaid & SNAP Immigrant Eligibility Limited (10/01/2026)	As referenced above under PRWORA.
5.	<u>H.R. 1</u> : Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations (12/31/2026)	Previously redeterminations occurred once a year, now it will occur twice a year.
6.	<u>H.R. 1</u> : Medicaid Work Requirements – (12/31/2026)	No nationwide requirement was previously in effect until HR 1 was passed. Now Medicaid will match the work requirements of SNAP.
<b>STATE IMPACTS</b>		<b>CONTRA COSTA COUNTY IMPACTS</b>
7.	<u>FY 25-26 State Budget</u> Enrollment Freeze for Full-Scope Medi-Cal Expansion Undocumented, ages 19-54 (January 1, 2026)	As of January 1, 2026, undocumented adults aged 19-54 will no longer be able to enroll into Medi-Cal. Existing enrollees will maintain their coverage if they renew annually, and children and pregnant people can still enroll regardless of immigration status. Those who do not enroll by this date and do not have other eligible immigration status will have access to limited-scope coverage for emergencies and pregnancy care.
8.	<u>FY 25-26 State Budget</u> New Medi-Cal Premiums for Adults with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (July 1, 2027)	Adds a new cost of \$30 month that individuals currently do not have to pay.
9.	<u>FY 25-26 State Budget</u> Reinstatement of Medi-Cal Asset Test Limits (January 1, 2026)	Reinstates the asset limits back to 2022 levels - \$130,000 for an individual, and an additional \$65,000 for each extra household member up to 10 members.
10.	<u>FY 25-26 State Budget</u> Community First Choice Option (CFCO) Late Penalties	Contra Costa County currently has overdue In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) cases. At this point, it appears the monthly penalty for late IHSS renewals could be approximately \$300,000.



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# HICAP and Medicare ACOA Meeting

8/20/2025

Presented by Contra Costa County

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

HICAP

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# Agenda

- What is HICAP?
- HICAP Funding
- HICAP Education Services
- Example of HICAP Questions and Cases
- Additional Resources- HICAP website
- Reminder on Medicare Fraud
- How to Contact HICAP
- Q&A

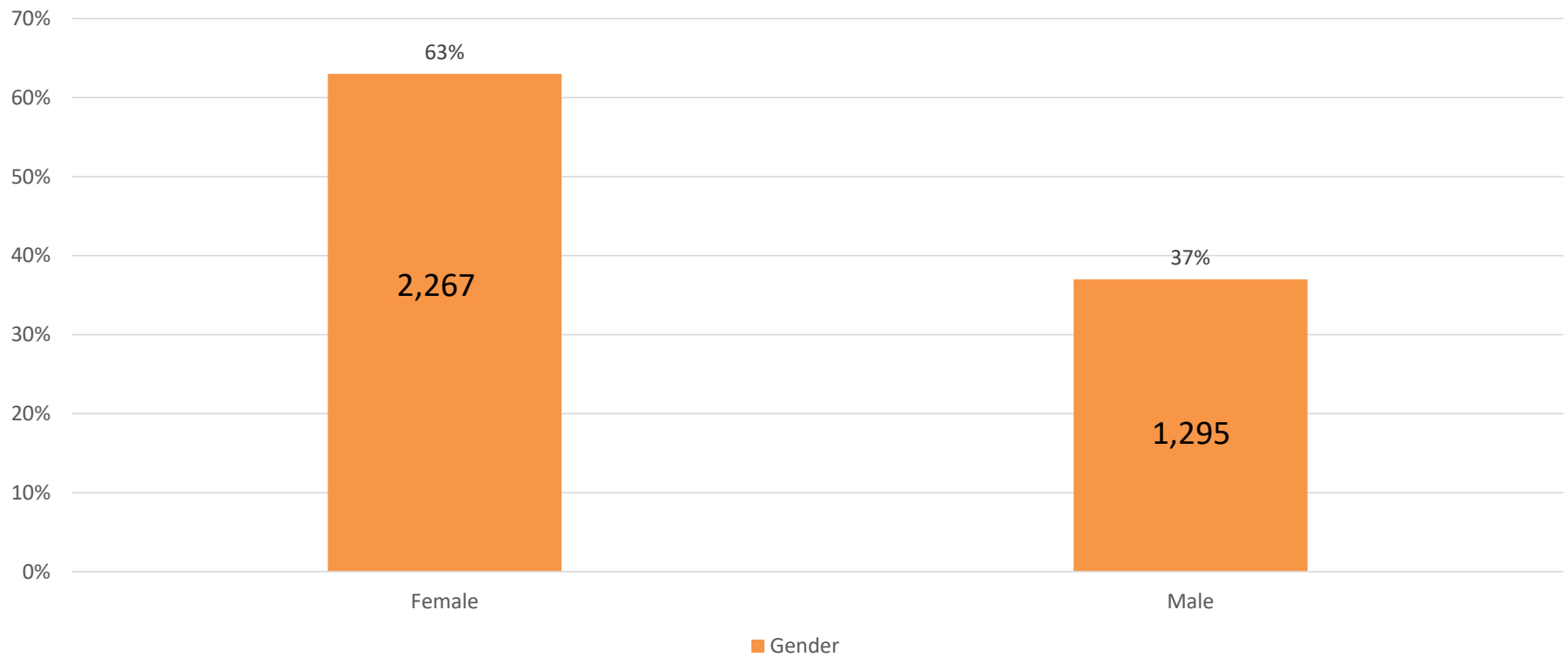


# What Is HICAP?

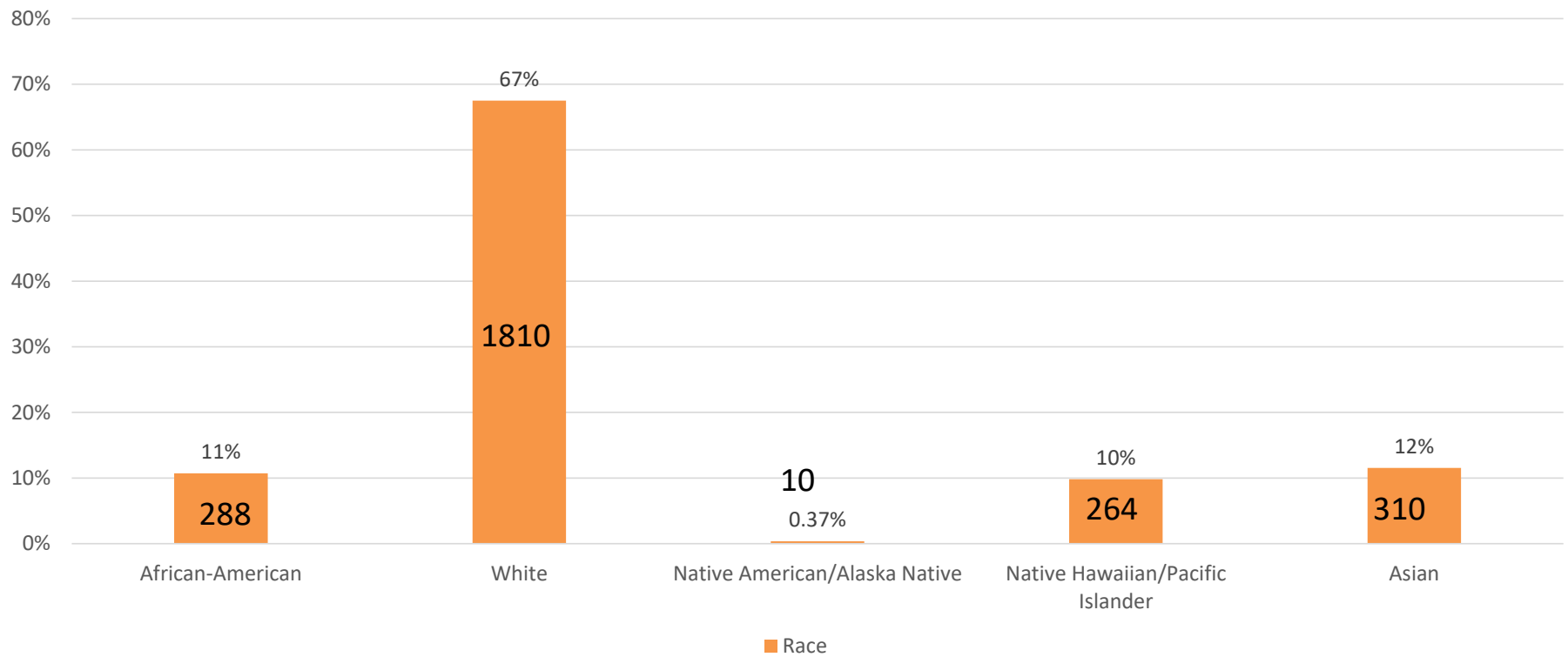
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

- All things Medicare
- Primarily a Volunteer Organization
- Funded by State of CA and Federal gov't
- No affiliation with Insurance Companies
- Services are free of charge

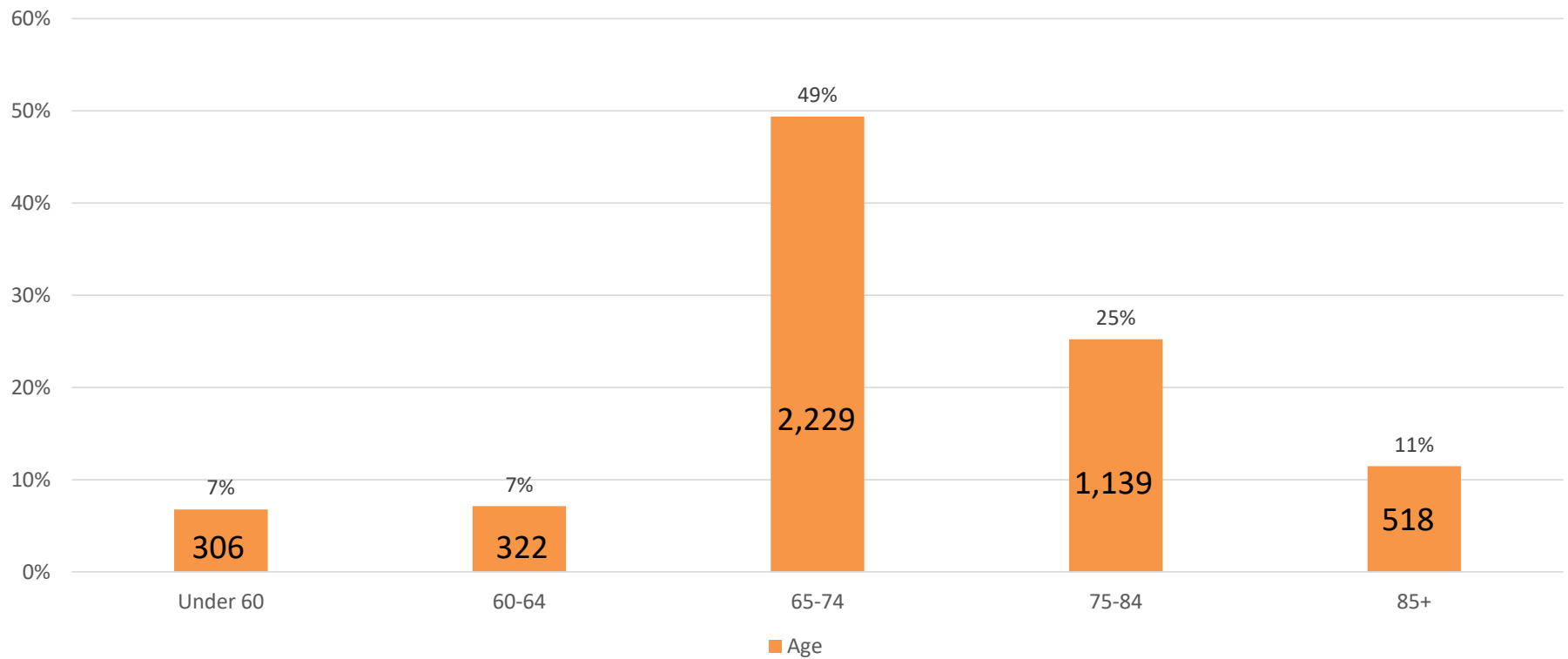
# HICAP Clients: Gender



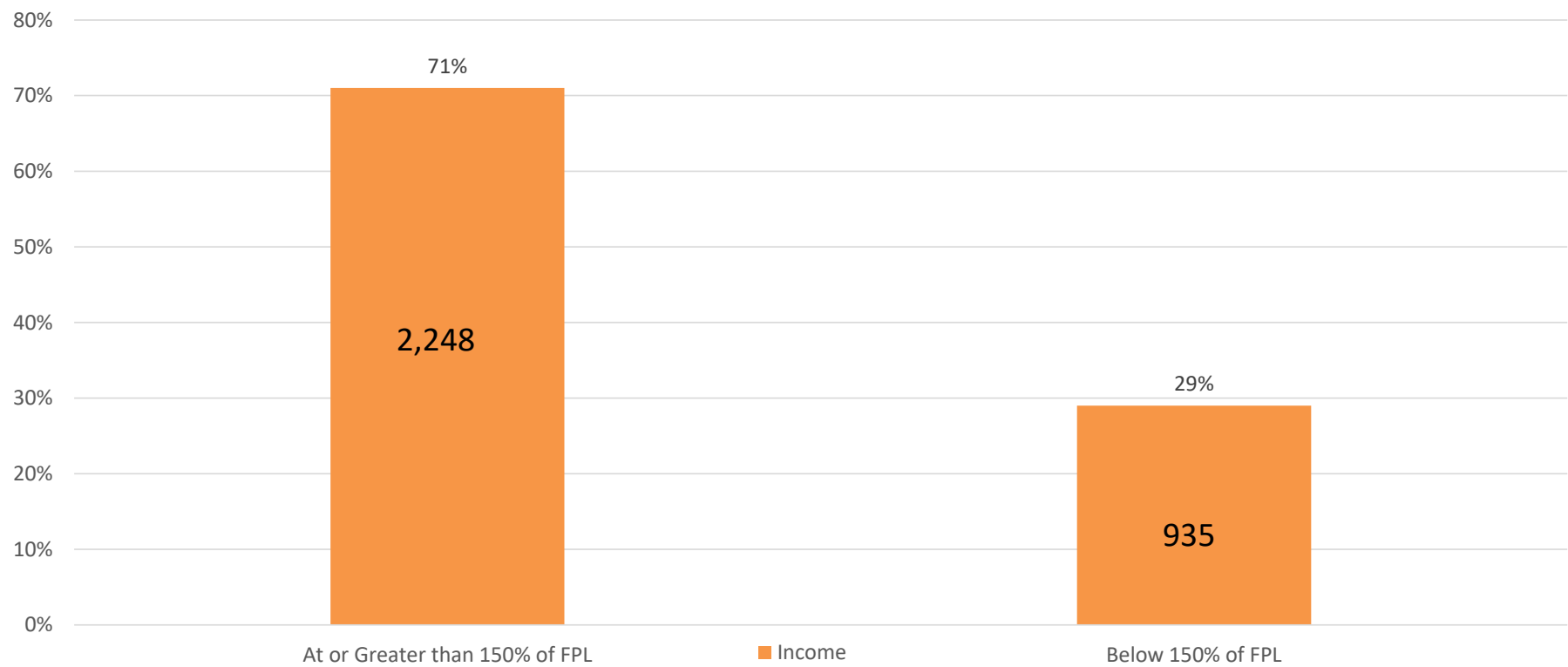
# HICAP Clients: Race



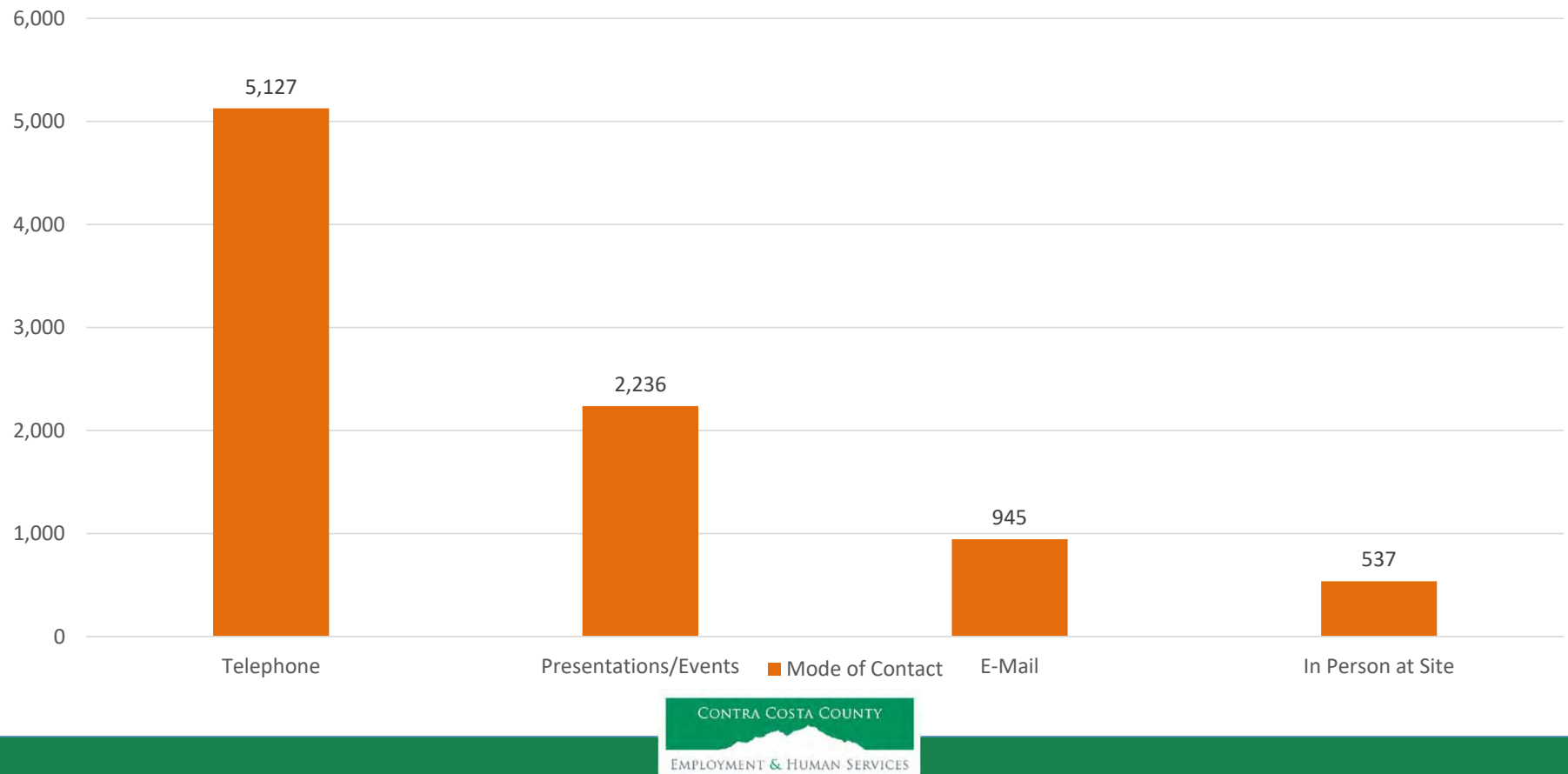
# HICAP Clients: Age



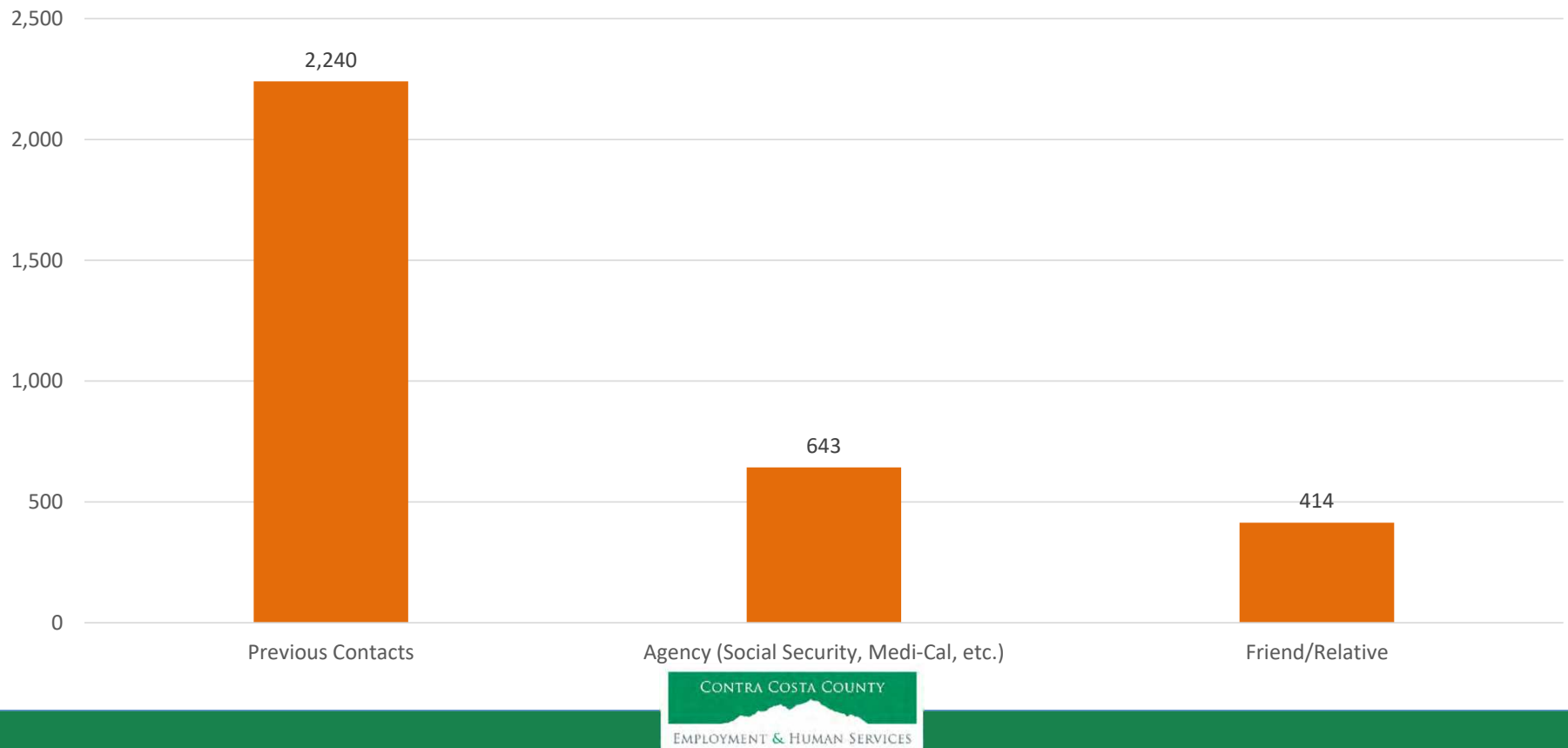
# HICAP Clients: Income



# HICAP Clients: Mode of Contact



# HICAP Clients: How did they find out about HICAP?



## What Is HICAP? Primarily a Volunteer Organization

- 52 Volunteers
- Initial and Ongoing Training – over 40 hours + 12 annually
- Registered with California Department of Aging – live scan
- Considered a part of Medicare – direct line to agents





# HICAP Funding



- Funded by State of CA and Federal Government
  - Paid county staff of 2 and 1 consultant
  - Part of Area Agency on Aging under EHSD
  - 1 of 2 direct services provided by the AAA
  - Performance goals and metrics are tracked
- No affiliation with Insurance Companies
  - No Policies are sold or endorsed
  - We do not give advice – just provide information for clients to make an informed decision for their situation
  - Complete access to pricing and benefits via Medicare

## What Is HICAP? Education

- Monthly Classes - 'Welcome to Medicare'
- Community Talks – Rotary clubs, etc.
- Senior Centers in the Fall during Open Enrollment (Oct. 15 through Dec 7)
- Tabling at events is focused on Health and Senior events



# About HICAP Counseling

Our volunteers are skilled, well-trained, dedicated!



- Client contacts HICAP by phone. Call is triaged.
- We return calls, determine the need and how best to help
- Options: Live on phone; scheduled phone or Zoom; Senior Center appointments; email.

We don't provide counseling on:

- Legal or tax issues, including estate planning issues
- Medical issues
- Medi-Cal w/o Medicare issues

# Typical HICAP Questions

- New to Medicare – Options available? How to choose?
- Drug coverage — How to choose; how to understand
- Medicare & other coverage — Employer, COBRA, Military
- When can I change Medicare coverage?
- Can't afford coverage. Any options?
- Billing problems
- **Medicare + Medi-Cal; navigating the issues**
- **Access to/discharge from Skilled Nursing Facility**



# Typical HICAP Cases



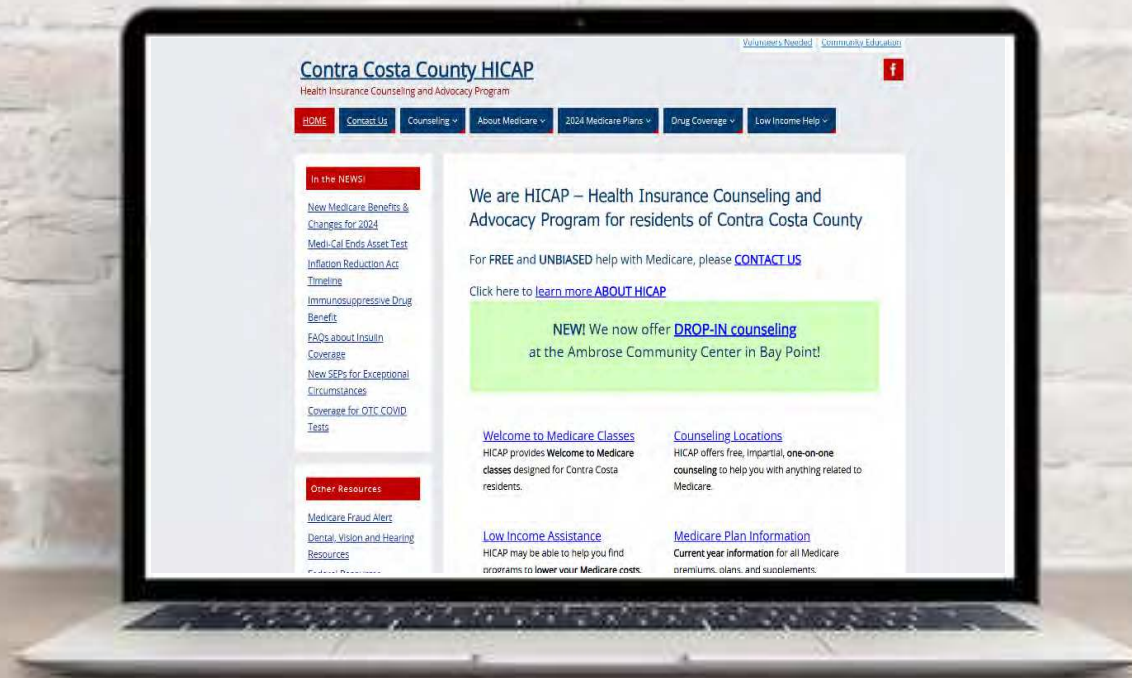
- **Medicare + Medi-Cal; navigating the issues**
  - ✓ Share of Cost (SOC) – Income over \$2,006
  - ✓ Major issue for IHSS coverage as SOC starts at \$1201
  - ✓ Several approaches to make SOC \$0:
    - Disability before age 65
    - Insurance “spend down”
  - ✓ Also issues with State covering Medicare Premium costs

## Typical HICAP Cases cont.

- **Access to/discharge from Skilled Nursing Facility**
  - ✓ Usually short notice of discharge
  - ✓ Assist with first level of appeal by encouraging care giver to do so verbally and in writing with Livanta
  - ✓ Second level is usually more involved, and we refer to Legal Assistance for Seniors in Alameda with whom we have a contract

# Additional Resources

## Visit: [www.cchicap.org](http://www.cchicap.org)



# Anytime Is A Prime Time For Medicare Fraud



## DO NOT

- Move out of your current plan unless you want to
- Sign any forms if you don't want to
- Give Medicare or SS# to strangers

## BE AWARE OF

- Uninvited phone calls, emails or home visits
- Prizes, cash or “early bird discounts” to enroll
- Calls pretending to be your doctor or clinic telling you that you **MUST** change plans to keep your doctor. Call your doctor's office to check whether what you're being told is true

## REPORT

- If you do get tricked into switching your plan, **REPORT IT TO US IMMEDIATELY. IT CAN BE FIXED!**

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# Contact Us

Multiple ways to reach us

Website: [www.cchicap.org](http://www.cchicap.org)

Email: [ehsdhicap@ehsd.cccounty.us](mailto:ehsdhicap@ehsd.cccounty.us)

HICAP Office: (925) 655-1393

or (800) 434-0222



HICAP Service is free, private and impartial  
One-on-one counseling, phone or virtual appointments  
Handouts available on our HICAP website





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<b>ASSIGNED SEAT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Local Seat: Richmond	Burkhart, Cate	1
MAL #3	Hayes, Michelle	1
Local Seat: El Cerrito	Kehoe, Carol	1
MAL #1	Lang, Thomas	1
MAL #6	Lipson, Steve	1
Local Seat: Moraga	Benavides, Francisco	2
MAL #17	Donovan, Kevin	2
Local Seat: Orinda	Evans, Candace	2
Local Seat: Danville	Freshman, Steven	2
MAL # 4	Goldhammer, Alan	2
MAL #19	Kleiner, Jill	2
MAL #8	Maxwell, Shari	2
Local Seat: Lafayette	Morisky, Richard	2
MAL #20	Sakai-Miller, Sam	2
MAL #11	Schaefer, Carol	2
MAL #10	Tobey, Terri	2
MAL #18	Wener, Michael	2
Alternate #2	Weiner, Deborah	2
MAL #13	Boaz, Roger	3
Local Seat: Oakley	Buckman, Chalo	3
Local Seat: Brentwood	Court, Cesar	3
MAL #7	Lopez, Nikki	3
MAL #12	Dubbels, Brock	4

Local Seat: Concord	Fowler, Marilyn	4
Alternate #3	Frates, Holly	4
Local Seat: Walnut Creek	Kalm, Denise	4
MAL #2	Krohn, Shirley	4
MAL #16	O'Toole, Brian	4
MAL #15	Robertson, Logan	4
Local Seat: Pleasant Hill	Van Ackeren, Lorna	4
MAL #14	Yee, Dennis	4
MAL #5	Card, Deborah	5
Local Seat: Hercules	Green, Sarah	5
Local Seat: Martinez	Monroy-Dexter, Kathryn	5
Alternate #1	Sekhon, Indy	5



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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

## OFFICER DUTY DESCRIPTION PRESIDENT

RESPONSIBILITIES	
1	Chief Executive Officer of the Advisory Council on Aging
2	The presiding officer – Conducts Executive Committee and General Council meetings.
3	Must have a working knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order and particularly “Duties of the presiding officer of an assembly.”
4	Must have a working knowledge of the Brown Act and all Contra Costa County revisions or amendments to the Brown Act.
5	Ensures compliance to Council’s bylaws, the Brown Act, and all local laws, ordinances, statutes and regulations.
6	Decides all questions of order at the meetings.
7	Serves as direct liaison with Area Agency on Aging Division Manager and works closely with the Director of Aging & Adult Services (A&AS).
8	No later than at the January full Council meeting, the President will appoint (or re-appoint) the Chairs to each committee and work group.
9	President has the authority to appoint ad hoc committees as necessary and appropriate. President will also designate the Chair for such committees.
10	Directs and approves Council related work done by staff. Advises staff on Council policies, procedures, and priorities as may be required.
11	Presides at Area Agency on Aging annual public hearing.
12	Secures knowledgeable presenters, speakers and/or other presentations as needed to be certain Council is well-informed on key issues. May also delegate responsibility for this to others as appropriate.
13	At the request of the Area Agency on Aging staff, provides narrative sections for Area Plans (and updates) or other reports or presentations as necessary.
14	Serves as the Advisory Council representative to the Triple A Council of CA (TACC), as well as at all additional functions as deemed necessary or appropriate (in cooperation with the Director of A&AS.)
15	Serves as primary coordinator for production of mandated Advisory Council annual report.
16	Ex Officio Member of all work groups, team and committee meetings. (Does <u>not</u> replace obligation to serve as a regular member of one group as outlined in Article IV (4.1) of the Council’s bylaws.)
17	Works with other officers and members to assist with their growth and

	knowledge to ensure future strength of the Advisory Council on Aging.
18	Working closely with First Vice President, monitors progress of Council's programs against stated goals/objectives and/or work plans and implements corrective action(s) when necessary.
19	Works with Council members to ensure a satisfactory volunteer experience for them. Handles conflicts between members and/or inappropriate behavior by members.
20	Along with the Director of Aging & Adult Services, is the liaison for the County Board of Supervisors.
21	Works with staff to submit any matters required for review to County Counsel.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**

**OFFICER DUTY DESCRIPTION**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

RESPONSIBILITIES	
1	Attends general Council and Executive Committee meetings.
2	Is well versed in the responsibilities of the president and is prepared to assume the responsibilities of the president if for any reason the president vacates the chair or is absent.
3	Must have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and particularly "Duties of the presiding officer of an assembly."
4	Must have a working knowledge of the Brown Act and all Contra Costa County revisions or amendments to the Brown Act.
5	Is the alternate representative for the Triple A Council of CA (TACC). Attends these meetings should the President be unable to do so.
6	Receives and reviews Public Service Areas (PSA) reports and reports to the Executive Committee and ACOA.
7	Works closely with the President and carries out all delegated responsibilities from the President; including as may be needed, attending functions at which the President is unable to be present.
8	Attends work group meetings on a frequent basis. (Does <u>not</u> replace obligation to serve as a regular member of one group as outlined in Article IV (4.1) of the Council's bylaws.)
9	Serves as a liaison with committee and work group chairs and ensures appropriate progress toward achieving their stated annual goals.



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**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**

**OFFICER DUTY DESCRIPTION**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
1	Attends general Council and Executive Committee meetings.
2	Call the roll at the beginning of all General Council Meetings and declares the presence or absence of a quorum (21 voting members.)
3	In the absence of the President and Vice President calls the meeting to order until the immediate election of a chairman pro tem.
	When requested, handles the roll call vote on motions and gives the results to the Chair or Presiding Officer.
4	Collects, maintains safekeeping and handles the "coffee fund" monies.
5	Handles all cash expenditures, disbursements and reconciliations.
6	Prepares brief monthly financial report and reports to Executive Committee.