



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1:00 PM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
Classroom (note new meeting location)

Technology Committee

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/82609095818>

PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

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1:30 Open meeting: Steve Lipson

Appoint Brock Dubbels as Member and Gerry La Londe-Berg as Alternate Member

Roll Call

Approve minutes from June 11, 2025 and August 13, 2025 meetings

TE 06.11.25 Draft Minutes

[25-3490](#)

Attachments: [TE 06.11.25 Draft Minutes](#)

TE 08-13-25 Draft Minute

[25-3544](#)

Attachments: [TE 08-13-25 Draft Minutes](#)

Public comment

1:40 Tech/AI Corner: Washington Post: AI “Blind Spot” Shootout + Eric Schmidt(Google) Interview

1:45 Discussion: CSL Brown Act Revisions Proposal (attached) and Public Health Legislative Proposal (attached)

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[25-3489](#)

Attachments: [Brown Act Revisions Proposal- SP-3 RN2519210](#)

2:25 Break

2:35 Discussion: Older Adult Ed Public Health Curriculum

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[25-3488](#)

Attachments: [Older_Adult_Ed+_Proposal_SP2_RN2519208](#)

3:05 CCC Website - Assessment/Report

3:10 AI Handout Discussion/ AI and You

3:25 Items for next meeting – Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 1:30-3:30 pm

3:30 Adjourn

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Staff Report

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Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Room 303 (Third Floor)

Technology Committee

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1:30 Open Meeting: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:39 pm.

Roll Call:

Present Cate Burkhart, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, and Sharon Sakai-Miller

Absent Denise Kalm, and Lori Magistrado

1:32 Approve May 2025 Draft Minutes

Tech.05.14.25DraftMinutes

[25-2152](#)

Attachments: [Tech.05.14.25DraftMinutes](#)

Motion: Kehoe

Second: Kleiner

Aye: Kehoe, Kleiner, Lipson, and Sakai-Miller

Absent: Burkhart, Kalm, and Magistrado

Result: Passed

1:35 TechCorner:/11Labs 2.0 - voice fraud/DeepSeek/

Steve reported on the latest developments in 11 Labs (AI voice generator) and VEVO Flow software.

How does this affect seniors? AI is pervasive. We need to let seniors know that AI can be good (easier searches) or bad (scams). We can help teach seniors the pros and cons of AI.

1:45 Presentation: Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) Ryan Kawamoto, Regional Program Manager, AARP

Ryan Kawamoto described the work of OATS/Senior Planet. Their impact areas are: Health and Wellness; Social Engagement; Creative Expression; Financial Security; and Civic Participation. All programs available at Senior Planet.org. They also developed a social media platform "Senior Planet Community" and new podcast: "Aging Rewired", and a free technology hotline.

2:20 Legislative Update Information Hearing SB239/SB707/Sen Judiciary Committee hearing.
SB 239 (the CSL proposal written by Steve Lipson) has been merged into SB 707. SB 707 has cleared the Senate, now with Assembly. It will be heard by the Local Government Committee and then the Judiciary Committee.

2:30 Break

2:40 CCC Website - Assessment/Report

We are still waiting to receive mock-ups for the Planning Committee (as a sample) page of the website. It would also be helpful to have the Home Page of the site. Jim will email Alicia to remind the County Communications department.

3:00 Public Health Legislative Proposal/Older Adult Ed/Permission Structure

The Committee will receive a copy of the Older Adult Education Proposal with the agenda for the August Tech meeting so the item can be discussed.

3:20 Quick Look: ACOA Technology Work Groups Across the State:

Do other ACOAs have Tech groups? If not, you can't advance tech for Seniors on a larger scale. Can this Committee take the lead on this issue?

3:25 Public Comment:

Jim forwarded an announcement about a workshop Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern titled, "using generative AI: practical advice and safety tips".

Jill/Glenda announced the Older Americans Act 60th Birthday party on Monday, July 14th.

Items for next meeting.

"Useful Technology Skills for ACOA Leaders" - The Committee will discuss producing a list of helpful technology tips for ACOA leaders.

Public Health Proposal for Older Adult Education

No July meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

3:30 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

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Technology Committee

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1:30 Open meeting: Steve Lipson @ 1:40
Guests: Gerry La Londe-Berg, Annette Balter (Well Connected)

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted, and 5 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present Carol Kehoe, Denise Kalm, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, and Sharon Sakai-Miller

Absent Cate Burkhart

1:32 Approval of Minutes

Email didn't go out with minutes. Jenny Lam will check with Alicia Espinoza. Will hold off on approving the June minutes until next month due to members haven't seen the minutes.

Approve June 2025 Draft Minutes

[25-3206](#)

Attachments: [Tech.06.11.25DraftMinutes](#)

Public Comment

Sam has been asked to work as Interim Director of Technology Integration Services in the San Lorenzo Unified School District - will request a leave of absence, not sure how long this will be, but expected to be out until December

Jim, ACOA Chair has resigned from ACOA, but may attend in the future as a member of the public

- 1:35 Tech/AI Corner: A Look at 11labs+/Upgrades and User interface Issues.
ChatGPT or Copilot- suggested that the members use apps and reach out to Steve with questions
- 1:45 Presentation: Annette Balter, Program Director, Well Connected - Program Overview
PowerPoint presentation shown on Well Connected and Well Connected Español, followed by Q&A
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 Legislative Update Information Hearing SB239/SB707/Sen Judiciary Committee hearing
Absorbed SB 239 which will include some aspects of legislative bodies, which would include ACOA
ACLU opposition
Should go to the floor next, don't know if it will go to Appropriations
Editorials in local papers for opposition – Steve will send a response
- 2:50 Public Health Legislative Proposal/Older Adult Ed/Looking at Two Existing Models
Not available in Contra Costa County
Emeritus model in Southern California and San Francisco and Adult Ed model
Can have two models
- 3:00 CCC Website - Assessment/Report
CoCo Elders- increase in users (39)
Haven't heard back after Jill submitted her proposal for website for ACOA committee information- waiting for mock up from EHSD
- 3:05 AI Handout Discussion/AI and You
Ask AI tools for what information on AI that would be most important to inform older adults
For comparison it would be necessary to ask the same question to the different AI tools
- Once developed, it could be distributed to ACOA
Can ask EHSD Communications to review and update Objective should be to get it on the County website and also the city websites

Richmond is working on similar effort and would like to learn about the County process

- 3:10 A Look at the California Council on Science and Technology AI Training Initiative
Formed as a means for supporting legislatures and staff about issues that are important

Latest request was for a presentation on AI

Received a grant to offer training for legislative staff for an overview on AI and what are the implications

Older adults need this also, stakeholders need to be at the table

- 3:25 Items for next meeting

Handout

Discussion about combining the Technology and Legislative Committees

Denise will be moved from an alternate to a member

Beginning with the next meeting (September 10, 2025 at 1:30-3:30 pm), Technology Committee meetings will be held in the Classroom, 500 Ellinwood, Pleasant Hill.

- 3:30 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.



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INTRODUCED BY SENIOR SENATOR LIPSON

(COAUTHOR: SENIOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER KROHN)

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST**SP 3: RALPH M. BROWN ACT: TELECONFERENCING**

EXISTING LAW, THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT, REQUIRES, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIED EXCEPTIONS, THAT ALL MEETINGS OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY, AS DEFINED, OF A LOCAL AGENCY BE OPEN AND PUBLIC AND THAT ALL PERSONS BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE. THE ACT GENERALLY REQUIRES THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A LOCAL AGENCY THAT ELECTS TO USE TELECONFERENCING TO POST AGENDAS AT ALL TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, IDENTIFY EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION IN THE NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OR PROCEEDING, AND HAVE EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

EXISTING LAW, UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2026, AUTHORIZES SPECIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS TO USE ALTERNATE TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS UPON SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EXEMPT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FROM CERTAIN GENERAL TELECONFERENCING

REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THAT EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION BE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE AND AGENDA AND BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. THOSE PROVISIONS IMPOSE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICE, AGENDA, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AS PRESCRIBED.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE SET OF TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS FOR MEMBERS OF NONVOTING LOCAL ADVISORY BODIES THAT EXEMPT THE ADVISORY BODY FROM THE GENERAL TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THAT EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION BE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OR PROCEEDING AND BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

SP 3: RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT REQUIRES MEETINGS FOR LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF LOCAL AGENCIES TO BE OPEN AND PUBLIC AND MANDATES THAT LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF LOCAL AGENCIES WHO ELECT TO USE THE GENERAL TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS COMPLY WITH SPECIFIED

REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THAT EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION IS IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OR PROCEEDING, AND THAT EACH TELECONFERENCE LOCATION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, THEREBY CREATING PRIVACY AND SAFETY ISSUES; AND

WHEREAS, COUNTIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA REPORT WIDESPREAD WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES, WHICH MAY AFFECT RECRUITMENT FOR MEMBERS OF APPOINTED ADVISORY BODIES SERVING OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND CAREGIVERS. THESE CHALLENGES ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE IN RURAL AND UNDER-RESOURCED AREAS. PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING OPTIONS WOULD HELP COUNTIES EXPAND THEIR RECRUITMENT POOL FOR MEMBERS OF THOSE ADVISORY BODIES AND ENSURE MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN THOSE BODIES; AND

WHEREAS, QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY OLDER ADULTS, CAREGIVERS, RURAL RESIDENTS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, ARE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION DUE TO THESE BARRIERS; AND

WHEREAS, ALLOWING NONVOTING ADVISORY BODY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY WITHOUT DISCLOSING PRIVATE LOCATIONS BUT STILL REQUIRING AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE WOULD REMOVE KEY BARRIERS AND PROMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WHILE PRESERVING TRANSPARENCY; AND

WHEREAS, LOCAL CONTROL WOULD BE PRESERVED BY MAKING REMOTE PARTICIPATION SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT ESTABLISHED THE NONVOTING ADVISORY BODY, INCLUDING COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2025 REGULAR SESSION, WITH A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT AN ALTERNATIVE SET OF TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS BE ALLOWED FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF NONVOTING LOCAL ADVISORY BODIES AND THAT MEMBERS USING THESE PROVISIONS NOT BE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THEIR REMOTE LOCATIONS BUT THAT THERE BE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE VIA REMOTE AND IN-PERSON MEANS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THIS FLEXIBILITY BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT ESTABLISHED THE NONVOTING ADVISORY BODY, INCLUDING COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH MAY REQUIRE IN-PERSON MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TELECONFERENCING PROCESS FOR NONVOTING ADVISORY BODIES INCLUDE A SUNSET DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2030, FOR REVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE ASSESSMENT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY APPEAR ON CAMERA DURING MEETINGS AND BE COUNTED TOWARD A QUORUM, MARKED PRESENT, AND ALLOWED APPLICABLE VOTING RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ROLE AS AN ADVISORY BODY AS IF THEY WERE PRESENT AT THE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**SP 2: OLDER ADULT EDUCATION: LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

EXISTING LAW ESTABLISHES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. THE PROGRAM REQUIRES THE CHANCELLOR AND THE SUPERINTENDENT, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO DIVIDE THE STATE INTO ADULT EDUCATION REGIONS AND APPROVE ONE ADULT EDUCATION CONSORTIUM IN EACH ADULT EDUCATION REGION, AS SPECIFIED. EXISTING LAW REQUIRES FUNDS APPORTIONED FOR THE PROGRAM TO ONLY BE USED FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OLDER ADULTS, THAT ARE PRIMARILY RELATED TO ENTRY OR REENTRY INTO THE WORKFORCE.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO ESTABLISH OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, COMMUNAL MEALS AND INSTRUCTION IN DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND FALL PREVENTION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

SP 2: RELATING TO OLDER ADULT EDUCATION

WHEREAS, CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS, RESIDENTS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, NOW REPRESENTS MORE THAN 16 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S POPULATION AND THIS PERCENTAGE CONTINUES TO GROW; AND

WHEREAS, BEFORE THE GREAT RECESSION, LOCALLY DELIVERED, COMMUNITY-BASED OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS WERE WIDELY AVAILABLE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SITES ACROSS CALIFORNIA; AND

WHEREAS, THESE PROGRAMS WERE DISMANTLED FOLLOWING THE GREAT RECESSION, AS FUNDING PRIORITIES SHIFTED TOWARD CAREER AND

WORKFORCE TRAINING, ELIMINATING A CRUCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR OLDER CALIFORNIANS; AND

WHEREAS, OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS WERE ESSENTIAL TO HELPING OLDER ADULTS AGE IN PLACE, MAINTAIN PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND ACCESS CRITICAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE LOSS OF THESE PROGRAMS COINCIDED WITH A RAPID SHIFT TO DIGITAL AND MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES ACROSS ESSENTIAL SERVICES, LEAVING MANY OLDER ADULTS WITHOUT THE TRAINING NEEDED TO NAVIGATE WEB-BASED, APPLICATION-BASED, AND MOBILE PLATFORMS; AND

WHEREAS, WITHOUT TARGETED, AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATION, OLDER ADULTS FACE GROWING BARRIERS TO MEDICAL CARE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, EMERGENCY ALERTS, SOCIAL CONNECTION, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION; AND

WHEREAS, THESE BARRIERS UNDERMINE THE INDEPENDENCE AND WELL-BEING OF OLDER ADULTS AND INCREASE RISKS OF ISOLATION, COGNITIVE DECLINE, AND POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES; AND

WHEREAS, SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES AS SERIOUS RISK FACTORS FOR HEART DISEASE, DEPRESSION, DEMENTIA, AND STROKE; AND

WHEREAS, A LOCALLY DELIVERED, AGE-APPROPRIATE OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING, FALL PREVENTION, HEALTH SYSTEM NAVIGATION, AND COMMUNAL MEALS, WOULD HELP MITIGATE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, REDUCE SOCIAL ISOLATION, AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES, PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE AND HEALTHY AGING; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE SOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE NETWORKS MAINTAIN EMERITUS PROGRAMS THAT SERVE OLDER ADULTS AND THE CURRENT ADULT EDUCATION SYSTEM PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN GENERAL EDUCATION DEGREE (GED) PREPARATION, ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND-LANGUAGE (ESL) INSTRUCTION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, THIS PROPOSAL SEEKS TO REESTABLISH LOCALLY BASED, COMMUNITY-EMBEDDED PROGRAMMING THAT PROMOTES AGING IN PLACE, DIGITAL LITERACY, HEALTH SYSTEM NAVIGATION, AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT, AND THAT INCLUDES CONGREGATE MEALS, AS A MEANS OF COMBATING ISOLATION AND SUPPORTING OVERALL WELL-BEING. THESE ARE NEEDS THAT COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE NOT STRUCTURED OR RESOURCED TO ADDRESS AT SCALE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN FOR AGING CALLS FOR CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT SUPPORT INCLUSION, INDEPENDENCE, AND HEALTHY AGING; AND

WHEREAS, THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT REQUEST NEW STATE FUNDING, DOES NOT CREATE A MANDATE, AND DOES NOT REDIRECT RESOURCES FROM EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEMS OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND

WHEREAS, THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE EXISTS TO ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OLDER CALIFORNIANS AND THIS PROPOSAL FULFILLS THAT MISSION BY RESTORING LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CREATE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS MODERN AGING CHALLENGES; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE LOCAL OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL MODELS IN PLACE BEFORE THE GREAT RECESSION, WHILE ADAPTING THEM TO ADDRESS TODAY'S TECHNOLOGICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2025 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT THE LEGISLATURE ENACT LEGISLATION EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO ESTABLISH OLDER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT LOCAL ENTITIES SUCH AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS, LIBRARIES, FAITH INSTITUTIONS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE AUTHORIZED ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COMMUNAL MEALS AND INSTRUCTION IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY.
- (2) FALL PREVENTION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
- (3) NUTRITION.
- (4) HEALTH CARE NAVIGATION.
- (5) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.
- (6) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING AS A FISCAL AGENCY FOR AN AUTHORIZED ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM MAY USE LOCAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, OR PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS, AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO DIVERT FUNDING FROM OTHER ADULT EDUCATION OR K-12 PROGRAMS; AND BE IT FURTHER

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