



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, March 16, 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, Bryan Harris, Sonja Shepard, and Uche Uwahemu

Absent

Roger Boaz, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Logan Robertson, and Victoria Snyder

10:05 Review/Approve: Agenda and Minutes

Motion:

Harris

Second:

Fowler

Aye:

Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, Harris, Shepard, and Uwahemu

Absent:

Boaz, LaLonde-Berg, Robertson, and Snyder

Result:

Passed

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10:10 Presentation: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, Claudia Ramirez, Executive Director

- SVdP has provided 61 years of service in Contra Costa County.
- Serves about 80,000 county residents annually, regardless of religious affiliation.
- Operates 27 branches across the county, supported by over 900+ active volunteers.
- Operates a Family Resource Center in Pittsburg. Programs include:
 - Partnership with Loaves and Fishes to offer dining room that serves 200 free meals per day, 7 days/week
 - Partnership with RotaCare to provide a free medical clinic, with over 17,000 patient visits since 2011.
 - A three-chair dental clinic in partnership with Dentists on Wheels
- Workforce Development Program: Provides on-the-job training (primarily in thrift stores) combined with classroom instruction.
- Food Pantries: Emergency food is available at the Family Resource Center and 18 additional SVdP distribution sites.
 - Approximately 90% of those served are families with children.
 - Partners include the Food Bank, White Pony Express, local grocers, and other organizations.
- Oasis Daytime Homeless Shelter: Serves families by providing showers, hot meals, and internet access.
 - Operates in partnership with Winter Nights Family Shelter and includes a Safe Parking Program.
- Auto Assistance Program: Accepts donated vehicles, make repairs if necessary, and provides them to individuals in need.
- Free Hot Shower Program: Offered every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Serves about 35 individuals per session.
- Microloan Program: Provides low-interest loans (\$500–\$3,000) to help individuals pay off high-interest debt or cover one-time expenses.
- Thrift Stores: Located in Brentwood, Pittsburg, and Pleasant Hill.
- Contact information: www.svdP-cc.org, email: info@svdp-cc.org

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11:00 Discuss: Screening of the Film “No Place to Grow Old” – Nhang Luong

- A trailer for the documentary was shown. The fee for a public screening is \$400, and organizers may charge admission to offset the cost. Nhang has a private viewing link to the documentary.

11:15 Update: “No Place to Call Home” – Nhang Luong

- A progress update on the slide deck was provided. The committee is using AI software to generate graphics and develop ideas for the presentation.

11:20 Update: Home Match – Logan Robertson, Director, Home Match Contra Costa

11:25 Public Comment and Information Sharing

- State Senator Tim Grayson is hosting a Scam Stoppers event on March 17, 10 a.m. – noon at Center for Community Arts in Walnut Creek.

11:50 Plan Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be on April 20, 2026.

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