



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, March 17, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill
The Classroom

Housing Workgroup

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10:00 Call to Order/Welcome - Kevin Donovan, Chair
Kevin Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

10:02 Roll Call

Present Roger Boaz, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes,
Logan Robertson, and Victoria Snyder

10:04 Introductions/Announcements:

Area Agency on Aging's Public Hearing on March 19, 10 am, 500 Ellinwood Way in Pleasant Hill.

Richmond Commission on Aging Senior Information Day is May 21, 2025.

Nikki Lopez shared her website: www.caregiveronecall.org

10:05 February 2025 Draft Minutes

Approve February 2025 Draft Minutes

[25-936](#)

Attachments: [Hou.02.24.25DraftMinutes](#)

Motion: Fowler

Second: Robertson

Aye: Boaz, Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, Robertson, and Snyder

Result: Passed

10:10 Presentation: Housing and Equity - Lauren Garden, Director, California Housing Advocacy from Justice in Aging

Housing and Equity presentation

[25-937](#)

Attachments: [Justice in Aging - Housing and Equity](#)

Master Plan for Aging Equity Tool

[25-938](#)

Attachments: [Master Plan for Aging Equity Tool](#)

Justice in Aging provides education (trainings, webinars, publications), administrative advocacy, and litigation.

Areas of expertise: 1) health care (i.e., Medicare, MediCal, IHSS), 2) housing (maintaining accessible and affordable housing, tenant rights), 2) income and economic security (social security, SSI, CAPI, CalFresh), 4) elder rights (elder abuse, neglect, alternative to conservatorship), 5) language and disability access, and 6) legal services capacity building.

The fastest-growing population experiencing homelessness are older adults.

Racial Equity and Homelessness

Homelessness is linked to racial inequities.

Black or African American Californians experience homelessness disproportionately (26% of unhoused population 50+). Same for American Indian or indigenous people.

Disparities in social determinants of health (economic stability, neighborhood environment, education, food, community and social context, and health care system) drive homelessness.

Barriers to Equity

Housing barriers - redlining, segregation, government subsidies of white communities and displacement of communities of color.

Educational - lack of access to education and disparities in education funding.

Economic - historically pushed into undervalued and underpaid jobs, lower likelihood of robust retirement plans connected to work.

Health - Chronic health conditions due to environmental factors, bias in health care system.

Justice system involvement

Equitable Solutions Needed

Focus on homeless prevention as an elder justice issue.

Rent subsidies, implementing renter protections in all settings.

Continue to explore and fund Medi-Cal housing support.

Remove barriers to personal care services.

Increase coordination among agencies to prevent homelessness.

11:00 Update: "No Place to Call Home" Outreach Presentations - Kevin Donovan

In May, presentations are scheduled for Martinez Senior Center, Rossmoor Democratic Party Club, and Brentwood City Council.

11:10 Housing Committee Member and Agency Spotlight: Roger Boaz, ROAR

ROAR was founded to address aging issues in the rural communities of Discovery Bay and Byron. It encourages and facilitates age friendly communities. It is working on affordable housing solutions and ADUs, transportation resources including EV ride-sharing pilot, bike paths, and "walk on streets" project to document infrastructure issues such as missing sidewalks, and inadequate lighting and transit. Website: rorca.org

11:20 Review: AB 474 - Home-Sharing Act of 2025

Sponsored by Assembly Member Chris Ward, AB474 introduces provisions to make nonprofit home-sharing more accessible and exempts low-income homeowners from paying income tax on rental earnings.

AB474 Bill Text

[25-939](#)

Attachments:

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

11:30 Public comment:

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2025 AT 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

12:00 Adjourn

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For additional information contact: Nhang Luong (925) 655-1385

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