



**COMMISSION ON AGING
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, July 14, 2025 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
500 County Center Manzanita Hall; Redwood City, CA 94063

Members present: Maria Elena Barr, Patty Clement, Angela Giannini, Monika Lee, Marita Leth, Irene Liana; Deborah Owdom; Liz Taylor; Kathy Uhl, Ophelie Vico, Daniela Jonguitud, Martin Nakai, Ellen Tafeen

Members excused: David Linnell, Karen Coppock, Twila Dependahl

Public Attendance (virtual): Christina Irving, Dao Do, Elyse Brummer, Erin Malone, Jonathan HeHim, Maya Baltinester, Sandra Winter, Twila Dependahl, Virginia Kroger, Wesley Taoka

Staff Attendance: Lee Pullen, Anna Sawamura, Anna Dyer, Diane Madriz, Shawne O'Connell

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Lee followed by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Angela Giannini.• Chair Lee highlighted that July is Disability Pride month, 07/14/2025 is Bastille Day, and this month is the Older Americans Act 60th Birthday.• Roll call conducted and quorum was established.
4. Introductions of Members of the Public	Chair Lee welcomed all in attendance both in person and virtually.
5. Oral Communications	Christina Irving from Family Caregiver Alliance shared that with the funding from ADS, San Mateo County Caregiver Collaborative is going to host 2 emergency preparedness workshops for family caregivers; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 16th, Menlo Park at Little House (English and Spanish)• August 30th, South San Francisco (English only)
6. Swearing in of Commissioners	Swearing in of new and renewing commissioners by Attorney Tara Heumann, County Counsel. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reappointed;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Commissioner Liana○ Commissioner Barr○ Commissioner Giannini○ Commissioner Clement○ Commissioner Taylor• Newly Appointed;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Commissioner Nakai○ Commissioner Tafeen



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7. Approval of today's agenda, 07.14.2025	Commissioner Uhl motioned to approve; Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. Approval of minutes from 06.09.2025	Commissioner Owdom noted minutes should be amended to say that Commissioner Lee reported National Night Out is August 5 th . Motion to approve minutes with correction by Commissioner Owdom. Commissioner Barr second. Motion passed.
9. Update on Board of Supervisor activities	<p>Update on Board of Supervisor (BoS) activities regarding items concerning older adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Lee states that in June, the BoS passed the two-year recommended budget for a total of 4.9 billion dollars for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal year.• For 2026-2027 fiscal year; There was reduction in Measure K spending that benefits older adults in this proposed budget; cutting of the Friendship Line and Got Wheels program, and a few other programs.• Age Forward wrote a letter for the Board of Supervisors asking them not to cut these programs.• Got Wheels is important for transportation in the County; key program for seniors. \$600,000 annual would be cut.
10. Committee Ad Hoc reports	<p>Executive Committee – Chair Lee reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ad Hoc Help@Home Committee would like more participation from Commissioners.• Ad Hoc Help@Home Committee is discussing whether or not to include for-profit organizations in the next edition.• Staff will send a Doodle Poll to schedule Zoom meeting to discuss further. All Commissioners are encouraged to participate and provide feedback.• Future presentations planned for the general meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ September – advocacy and current legislative priorities.○ October – representatives from various commissions to share what they are working on that may have impact on older adults.○ November – some of the commissioners will present regarding their buddy experience.• In September, two of the three executive committee members will not be available. Currently there are no rules for what happens when the executive committee doesn't have a quorum. Will need to make an amendment on what to do if multiple members of the executive committee are absent. <p>Information, Resources, and Community Engagement Committee – Chair Lee reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior showcases will be in Burlingame on September 17th and one in Foster City on November 20th.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workplan; to seek information about the status of the Age-Friendly efforts in the Bay Area. CAFE does not track city projects. The Committee will have to search out the information on their own. The Committee can search online, or Commissioners can connect with whoever is doing the age friendly work in their community. This is something the Committee will continue to work on. <p>Aging Readiness and Family Caregiver Support Committee – Commissioner Clement reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quorum not met, informational meeting was held.• Reminder for committee members to send in lists of different types of personal preparedness plans that are out there so Anna so can distribute. Next meeting will be a discussion about what members have found and to finalize the lists. <p>Social Isolation and Transportation Committee – Commissioner Liana reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SamTrans is recommending the area for paratransit drop off at 500 County Center be on the Winslow Street side. It is a further walk but there is ADA access already there. Will update if approved.• Margaret Baggerly gave a report on the Transportation Showcase. It was originally planned for this year, but it was postponed until 2026. It will either be in May for Older Americans Month or in September which is SamTrans Transportation Month.• Adele Ryono from the Youth Commission gave an update on project. The report says 24 people responded but there were 30 responses to the pairing of a young person with a senior.• The Committee wrote a letter to Supervisor Canepa requesting that he send a representative to the CoA meetings. The letter will go to the Executive Committee for approval and then the General Meeting before being sent to Supervisor Canepa. <p>Ad Hoc Help@Home Update Committee – Commissioner Deborah reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An email was sent to all of the Commissioners requesting they sign up for a section to update. Please reply by today. Commissioner Owdom will send you your section in Word format.• Please keep an eye out for the Doodle Poll so can have a discussion regarding the inclusion of for profit businesses.• Goal is to have update completed by January 1st. <p>Ad Hoc Advocacy Exploration Committee – Commissioner Clement reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking forward to having San Mateo County Chief Legislative Officer, Connie Juarez-Diroll present to the Commission and help everyone understand the county's current legislative priorities and how the Commission can work with the county and the Board of



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	Supervisors to support areas of interest.
11. Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Taylor tabled for the Commission at the Colma Community Fair on July 12th. Passed out 28 booklets, 10 in Spanish, and 6 Chinese.• Commissioner Taylor shared that CAFE was very involved with helping Colma apply for and attain age friendly status, but are not providing guidance for Colma's ongoing age friendly efforts.• Commissioner Vico will attend a tour of Seton Hospital in Moss Beach with other members of the Age Friendly Coastsides group. The hospital is still under construction.• Commissioner Taylor reported that San Carlos and South San Francisco have medical equipment to pick up for free.
12. CoA Outreach Update	Commissioner Owdom reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emailed a sign-up sheet for outreach event coverage.• Upcoming events;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Friday July 25th in San Carlos. Commissioner Clement and Liana have signed up.○ September 17th there is the Senior Showcase in Burlingame.○ November there will be a Senior Showcase in Foster City.
13. Staff Report	Director Lee Pullen reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State budget is set with no cuts in Agency on Aging funding.• An example of advocacy at work: the Adult Protective Services (APS) program investigates abuse and neglect of older adults. Funding in recent years has supported HomeSafe within APS. It was proposed for cuts, but advocacy began in March and the legislature recognized its value. One year of funding was secured, to be spent over three years. Continued advocacy will be needed.• County won't finalize its budget until September, offering more opportunity for advocacy. Commissioners can continue supporting programs.• Last month launched the Community Enrichment Project to address social isolation and loneliness. The Advisory Committee has broad representation from agencies and groups supporting older adults and adults with disabilities.• Fall Prevention Coalition of San Mateo meeting: Thursday 06.17.2025, 1–2 PM.• Director Pullen was invited to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging annual conference to speak as a veteran director to new directors nationwide.



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH

AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES

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14. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Commission on Disabilities is hosting the Inclusion Festival in the plaza of 500 County Center on July 30th from 10am – 1pm. Aging and Disability staff will have a table and will distribute Help@Home booklets.• Staff have prepared new name tags for the Commissioners.• July 19th from 10am-noon, Senior Scam Stopper by Diane Pappin at the San Mateo Senior Center.• Commissioner Marita Leth is resigning from the Commission effective August 1st.
15. Stretch Break	5-minute stretch break
16. Presentation	Medical Equipment Loan Program (MELP)/AbleCloset Presentation by co-founders Bill Dawson and Steve Gross, and current president, Norm Torello https://www.freemedequip.org/
17. Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jonguitud, second by Commissioner Liana. Motion passed. moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Linnell. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



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