

# California Senior Legislature

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

### Responsibilities of Members of the California Senior Legislature (a)

Note: This is to be signed by the candidate and attached to her or his application.

1. Shall promote CSL fund-raising activities on a local and statewide level.  
(b)
2. Shall be non-partisan.
3. Shall represent the best interests of state-wide California elderly.
4. Shall express the major concerns of the elderly.
5. Shall speak for the CSL on CSL-approved issues only. Otherwise, shall identify myself as a CSL member expressing own personal views.
6. Shall use only CSL - authorized cards and stationery.
7. Shall identify myself as "Senior Senator" or "Senior Assemblymember" or "Senior Assemblywoman" or "Senior Assemblyman."
8. Shall accept the responsibility for submitting at least one proposal for an Annual Session.(c)
9. Shall accept the responsibility for attending and participating in all meetings of the Annual Session, except when an extreme emergency arises.
10. Shall develop working relationships in my PSA (Planning and Service Area) with the Area Agency on Aging, the Advisory Council or Commission on Aging and other senior groups and caucuses; and shall attend their meetings whenever possible.
11. Shall develop working relationships with my State and National Legislators and their staffs, particularly with my Legislators' District's staffs.
12. Shall develop and maintain a local legislative advocacy program, keeping up a two-way communication with my constituents.
13. Shall activate letter and phone campaigns to support CSL priority proposals.
14. Shall respond to calls (Alerts) from the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) to

write letters, make phone calls, and visit my State Legislators and their District offices on behalf of CSL priority issues.

15. Shall develop and carry out local public relations and publicity for goals established by the CSL.
16. Shall study the Annual Schedule of Suggested Activities and follow this schedule whenever its items are applicable to my local situation.
  - (a) In general, failure to live up to the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT and the CODE OF ETHICS is grounds for review, reprimand and possible removal from office by JRC Executive Committee action.
  - (b) In order to meet the funding needs of CSL for travel and reimbursement of expenses of the Annual General Session and for meetings, each member shall endeavor to raise funds throughout the year.
  - (c) Failure to submit at least one proposal in any one of two consecutive years constitutes failure to live up to this commitment.

To Be Signed by the Candidate:

I have carefully read the responsibilities of members elected to the California Senior Legislature, and I fully intend to follow them to the best of my ability if I am elected by my peers.

I understand that there is no salary connected with this office and that board, room and transportation costs will be furnished for the Annual Session, provided that funds are available from the California Fund for Senior Citizens. I further understand that the expenses for postage, telephone and travel during the year are my responsibility.

Print or Type Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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