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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are three months into the 2019 Legislative Session. The 10 legislative priorities that were selected from the 34 legislative proposals that were submitted by CSL members in June 2018 have been presented to legislators and at least half have been sponsored by Legislators. In addition, we have one federal proposal that has been picked up by Congresswoman Hill.

During this same time period the Governor has announced he intends to pursue a Master Plan on Aging. CSL has expressed a desire to participate in development of that Master Plan. The Governor has also identified Maria Shriver to lead a new Alzheimer's Prevention and Preparedness Task Force. The Legislature has also been active in the area of aging. Senator Jackson has introduced SB228 that calls for the appointment of a czar for aging. ASM Nazarian (Chair of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee) has submitted two proposals on the issue of Master Plan on Aging. They are: AB 1137 and AB 1287, which deal with modernizing the Older Californians Act and establish the Master Plan for an Aging California.,

Finally, I would like to close with a couple of reminders. Senior Rally Day will be held on May 7. This marks our fifth year of either conducting or participating in this event. Second, I wanted to remind readers that the Tax Check Off is underway and that one may support CSL by donating to Code 438, Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Contribution Fund. The Voluntary Contribution Fund Form can be found on page 4 of the Form 540 or page 3 of the Form 540EZ.



JOHN POINTER

Helping to preserve and enhance the quality of life of older Californians and their families.

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ABOUT CSL

The California Senior Legislature is an official nonpartisan "shadow" legislature and works to improve the lives of older Californians. Established under California law in 1980 the organization has been responsible for more than 200 bills signed into law to help seniors.

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Senior Rally Day

May 7, 2019

Where:
California State Capitol Building,
Sacramento, CA

When:
Tuesday, May 7, 2019



More details to come!





Anne Warren, Leg Chair

STATE LEGISLATURE VISITS

In December CSL members contacted their local state legislators to make them aware of the 2019 CSL priorities.

On January 8-9 and again on February 5-6, CSL Legislative Committee members visited with State Legislators seeking their sponsorship of one or more of the 2019 Legislative proposals. Five of 10 proposals have been sponsored.



Marcia Gould with ASM Gabriel, Sponsor of AP-18

LEG COMMITTEE CHAIR MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Legislative committee for its success in getting nine proposals authored this year.

The committee has vacancies, but CSL members and friends stepped up to “Walk the Halls” with us January and February (not an easy task; I clock about 6,000 steps each day!).

With many new legislators this year, it was important for CSL to meet them and educate them about CSL and the senior and disabled populations; to explain the intent of the proposals and how they would benefit their constituents.

Our proposals touched on current sensitive issues that interested legislators, i.e., physical and mental health, affordable, safe housing with attention also to veterans housing, transportation and protecting the environment, public safety—

protecting against financial abuse and changes to Medicare.

Read the descriptions of these bills by going to the CSL website and look for the Top Ten Proposals (www.4csl.org).

Everyone can help get these bills signed into law and I urge you to do so by writing support letters and sending them to the CSL office or to the bill’s author. Call your legislators and tell them to vote for bill # _____ and give the title. Every letter and phone call counts and is tallied.

Recently, I was speaking by phone to someone and she was checking my age category. “Are you 55 and Wiser?”, she asked. I said, “that’s me.”

I own 55 and Wiser!

- **Anne Warren**,
Senior Assembly Member

CSL 2019 PRIORITIES

The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 38th Annual Legislative Session and announced the Top Ten State Legislative Proposals and Top Federal proposals earlier this week. Members will advocate diligently during the 2019 legislative session to have state lawmakers carry and support these priorities.

The following were listed as the top ten State Legislative proposals:

1. AP-18: Labeling of Prescription Drugs This measure would require physicians and surgeons to include the purpose for which the medication is prescribed on all prescriptions, so that the information would be included on the prescription label, unless the patient requests that this information be omitted.

2. AP-2 Transportation: Seniors’ & Disabled Individuals’ Access to Transportation to Medical Services This measure would authorize the use of moneys in the electric program investment charge to fund grant programs in counties to provide transportation to nonemergency medical services for the senior and disabled populations located in rural, desert, and mountain areas through the use of energy renewable vehicles.

3. SP-10 Financial Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporting This measure would amend the definition of “Mandated Reporters of Suspected Financial Abuse of an Elder or Dependent Adult” to include the

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officers and employees of businesses licensed under the Money Transmission Act for making wire or money transfers and that would increase penalties, including providing for full reimbursement of losses, for officers or employees of these businesses who fail to report as required.

4. SP-7 Veterans Housing: Affordable Rental Housing This measure would establish a rental housing assistance program and would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate access to affordable housing with existing State and Federal Veterans services and provide detailed information about the assistance in a specified resource publication.

5. AP-7 Fall Safe Housing This measure would amend the Building Homes and Jobs Act to ensure that specific falls prevention structural features designed to prevent falls and facilitate aging in place are built into new housing using funds generated by the Act.

6. AP-8 Affordable Housing for the Elderly This measure would, for the purpose of meeting housing element goals under the Planning and Zoning Law, classify housing units participating in a home-sharing arrangement in which at least one of the occupants is an elderly person who qualifies as a person of low or moderate income, as defined, as very low income households. This would also incentivize local authorities to meet affordable housing goals and that would hold local authorities accountable when they fail to do so.

5 7. SP-4 Dental Insurance This measure would memorialize the Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation that would require the Department of Insurance to commission a study to determine whether requiring Medi-Cal and private dental insurance plans to provide increased dental coverage at low cost for seniors would result in lower overall costs to the state for emergency room visits and inpatient hospital treatment.

8. AP-17 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations This measure would require any facility that provides electric vehicle charging stations for public use or common use to provide at least one van accessible station regardless of when the electric vehicle charging stations were added to the facility.

9. AP-15 Homelessness: Seniors & Persons with Disabilities This measure would propose that a count of the number of homeless individuals include the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities that are homeless.

10. AP-3 Travel Safety This measure would require all hotels, motels, inns, and bed and breakfasts to install grab bars in the tub and shower areas and nonskid surfaces on the tub and shower floors in all rooms available for public accommodation.

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Assembly



ASM Ting,
Chair

Assembly Budget Committee hearings began on January 29.

The topic is Overview of

the Governor's 2019 Budget

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 Health and Human Services will begin committee hearings in March 2019



ASM Arumbula,
Chair, BSC #1

Senate



Senator Mitchell
Chair

Senate Budget Committee hearings began on January 17, 2019. The topic is Overview of the Governor's 2019 Budget

Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 Health and Human Services will begin committee hearings in March 2019



Senator Pan
Chair, BSC #3

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 11 -21 Spring Recess

April 26 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committee fiscal bills introduced in their house

May 3 Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house

May 10 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 3

May 17 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house

May 28-31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees

May 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

June 3 Committee meetings may resume

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight

July 10 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committee

July 12 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.

Summer Recess until August 12 begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed

August 12 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess

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