



# Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

August 14, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



# Welcome & Meeting Logistics Review



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Master Plan for Aging, Project Director  
California Department of Aging (CDA)



## Webinar or Telephone only

- Live captioning and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting streamed through webinar (Zoom)
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# Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) is to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California.

DACLAC will ensure the involvement of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, older adults, and/or other partners who provide services or represent consumers.

DACLAC will advise the California Health & Human Services (CalHHS) Agency, in addition to other state entities, on community living policies and programs, including but not limited to long-term services and supports, transportation and housing, and employment opportunities.

# DACLAC Committee Members

## **Stakeholder Co-Chairs**

- Sheri Burns, *Silicon Valley Independent Living Center*
- Hagar Dickman, *Justice in Aging*

## **State Co-Chairs**

- Susan DeMarois, *California Department of Aging*
- Joe Xavier, *California Department of Rehabilitation*

## **Stakeholder Committee Membership**

- Patricia Blaisdell, *California Hospital Association*
- Mareva Brown, *Office of the Senate Pro Tempore*
- Megan Burke, *The SCAN Foundation*
- Sabrina Epstein, *Disability Rights California*
- Melinda Forstey, *Serving Seniors*
- Elizabeth Fuller, *Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care*
- Jason Gabhart, *Alzheimer's Association*

# DACLAC Committee Members

## **Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)**

- Barbara Hanna, *California Association for Health Services at Home*
- Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*
- Kathy Kelly, *Family Caregiver Alliance*
- Kawon (Kay) Lee, *California Association for Adult Day Services*
- Peter Mendoza, *Consumer Advocate*
- Kim Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc.*
- Carolyn Nava, *Disability Action Center*
- Marty Omoto, *California Disability Community Action Network*
- Jeannee Parker Martin, *LeadingAge of California*
- Joe Perales, *The Arc of California*



# DACLAC Committee Members

## **Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)**

- Andrea Robert, *Consumer Advocate*
- Gabriel Rogin, *North Bay Regional Center*
- Michelle Rousey, *Consumer Advocate*
- Rosanna "Rosie" Ryan, *Consumer Advocate*
- Robert Taylor, *Konocti Senior Support*
- Jeff Thom, *California Council of the Blind*
- Debbie Toth, *Choice in Aging*
- Nina Weiler-Harwell, *AARP California*
- Janie Whiteford, *CA In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance*
- Sylvia Yeh, *Friends of Children with Special Needs*

# Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Meeting Operations
- 10:05 a.m. Opening Remarks: DACLAC State Co-Chairs & Stakeholder Chairs
- 10:10 a.m. Equity at the Center of State and Stakeholder Efforts
- 10:25 a.m. MPA Stakeholder Recommendation and 2024 MPA Day of Action
- 10:30 a.m. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee
- 11:00 a.m. Public Comment (10 minutes)
- 11:10 a.m. BREAK (15 minutes)

# Meeting Agenda

11:25 a.m. Housing Subcommittee

11:55 a.m. Transportation Subcommittee

12:25 p.m. Committee Consensus – Top Three Recommendations

12:45 p.m. Public Comment

12:55 p.m. Closing Comments

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

# Opening Remarks: DACLAC State Co-Chair

**Joe Xavier**, Director  
California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

# Opening Remarks: DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chairs

**Hagar Dickman**

Justice in Aging (JIA)

**Sheri Burns**

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)



# Equity at the Center of State and Stakeholder Efforts



**Marina Castillo Augusto**

Equity Officer

California Department of Aging (CDA)

# Equity in State Government

- ✓ Governor Brown's Executive Order B-10-11
- ✓ Governor Newsom's Executive Order on Equity N-16-22
- ✓ CalHHS Language Access Plan & CalHHS [guiding principles](#)
- ✓ Master Plan for Aging- [Inclusion & Equity, not isolation](#)



Office of Governor  
**GAVIN NEWSOM**



**CalHHS**  
California Health & Human Services Agency



California Department  
of **AGING**



# Embedding Equity in the MPA

## **Opportunity:**

**Integrate equity and lived experience in the MPA**

# Aging & Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board (AD-LEAB)

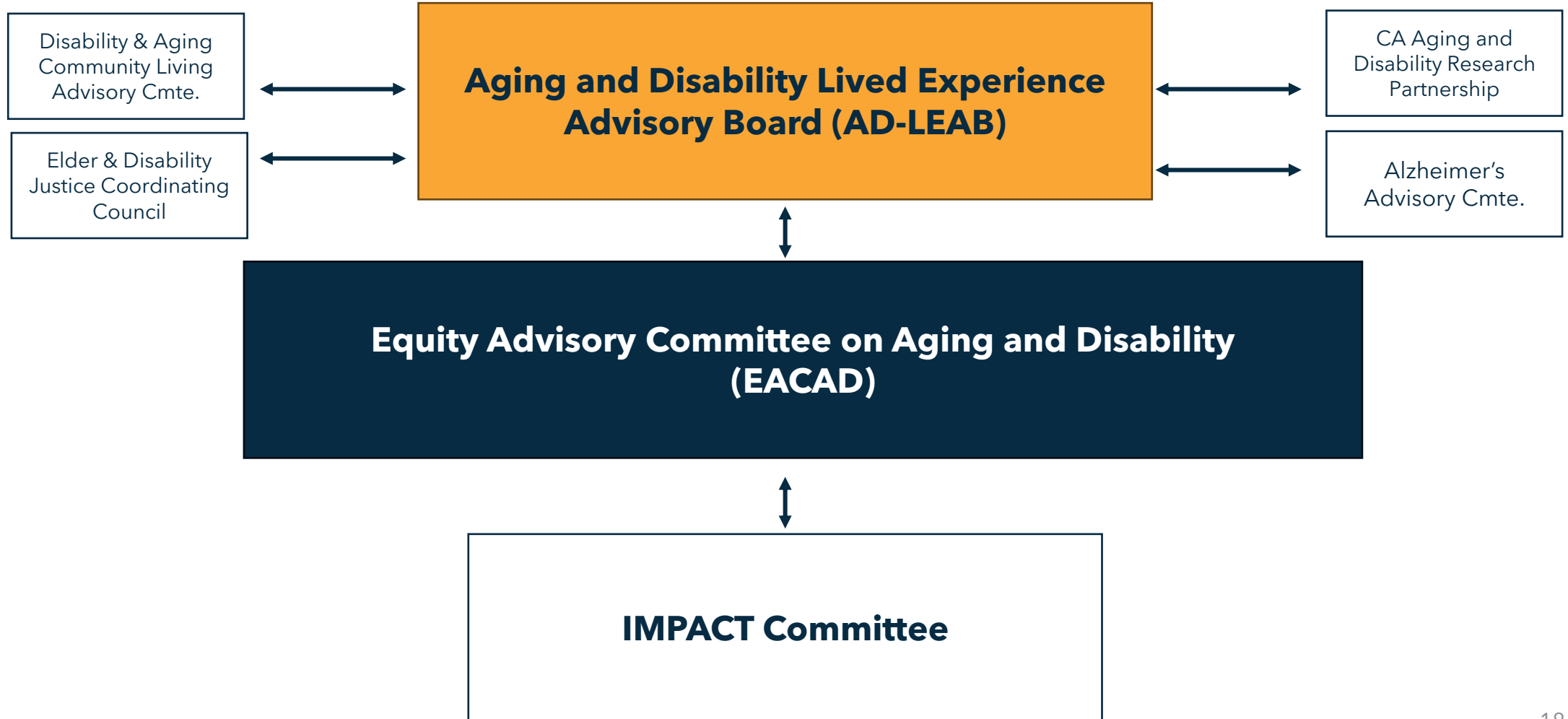


## **AD-LEAB:** **Goal - Purpose - Working in Partnership**



# Structure to Inform the Master Plan for Aging

## *Embedding Equity in the Master Plan for Aging*





# AD-LEAB: Next Steps



- Partner with Equity Advisory Committee to define AD-LEAB process and parameters
- Recruit Members: Fall 2024/Winter 2025
- Launch: Spring 2025



# Questions?

# CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: 2024 MPA Day of Action Agenda and Highlights



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# CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: 2024 MPA Day of Action



**CA**  
**FOR ALL**  
**AGES & ABILITIES**  
**DAY OF ACTION**

**OCTOBER 2024**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024

**Location:** SAFE Credit Union Convention Center  
Sacramento, CA

**Time:** Full-Day Event

**Registration:** Open

**Website:** <https://www.caforall.org/>

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# CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: 2024 MPA Day of Action



## What to Expect at the Day of Action?

**Focus future work on the highest priority issues facing Californians today & center future MPA planning on equity and lived experience.**

- Gather priority recommendations from the MPA Stakeholder Committees to inform the development of the MPA Initiatives for the next two years (2025-26).

**Highlight progress to-date and renew our shared commitment to the MPA, California's 10-year blueprint for all ages and abilities.**

- Sustain and re-invigorate diverse partners and stakeholders on California's commitment to achieve the MPA's Five Bold Goals.

**Engage Diverse Partners in the "Whole of Government Approach"**

- Be a model by convening state and national leaders to advance equity, collaboration, and integration among sectors in charting a path forward to prepare for the nation's aging population.



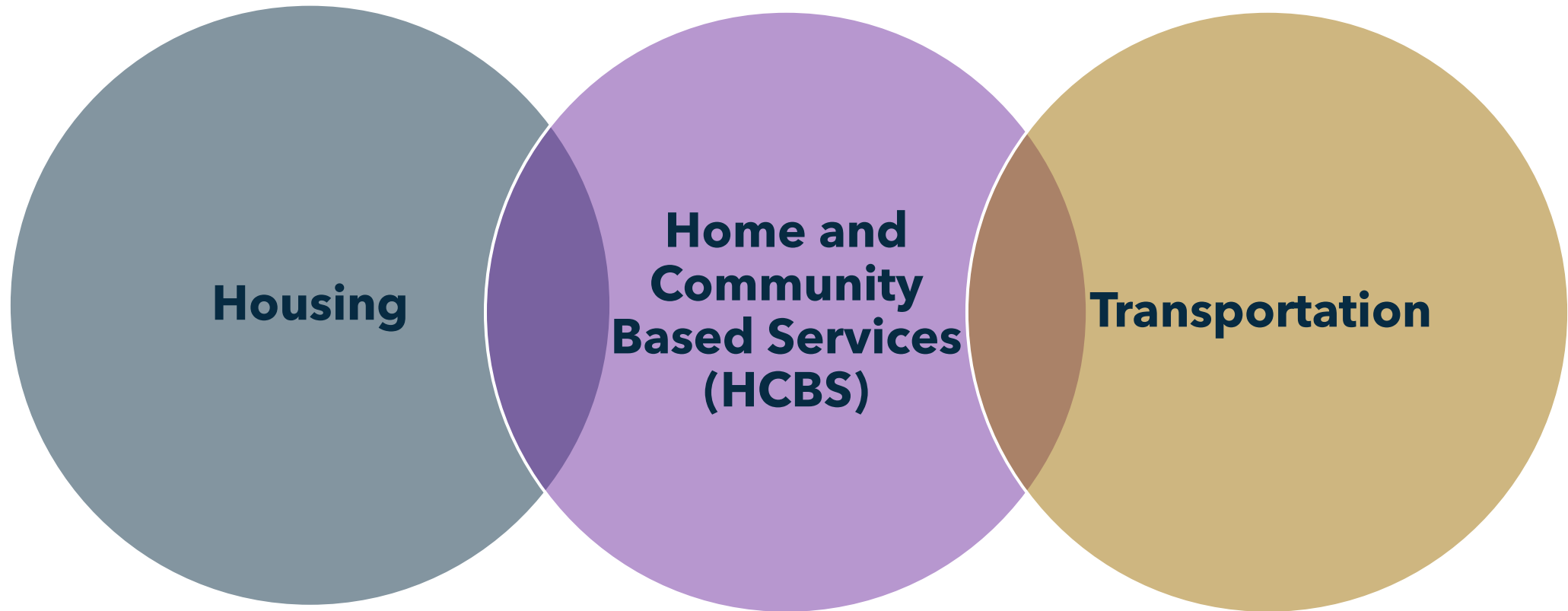
# Agenda Development: A Look at the Day

- Hear from the Community/Lived Experience
- Elevate/Share MPA Stakeholder Committee Priorities through Recommendations
- Engage with State Leaders on the MPA's Progress, Priorities, and Recommendations
- Converse with Policy and Budget Staff on Advancing Systems Change
- Networking Opportunities Embedded Throughout the Day



# Committee Questions and Discussion

# Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) Subcommittees



# DACLAC Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussions



**Hagar Dickman**

Justice in Aging (JIA),  
DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair & HCBS Subcommittee Chair

# HCBS Subcommittee: Recommendation #1

## **Recommendation #1: Improve Access to HCBS by Removing Financial and Administrative Barriers and Engaging Stakeholders**

- Implement Share of Cost Reform
- Expand Presumptive Eligibility for HCBS
- Provide Prompt Coverage By Projecting Costs and Allowing Provisional Plans of Care
- Create Stakeholder Process/Workgroup to work on HCBS delivery through Managed care, including (a) setting readiness targets and goals which will need to be met prior to any waiver transition and (b) that reflect input from stakeholders and individuals with lived experience;
- While the State strategizes the future delivery method for its waivers, remove access barriers by expanding the ALW to be available statewide & remove slot caps on the ALW and HCBA waivers.



## Recommendation #2: Improve Navigation Across the Entire LTSS System

- Create a Single-Entry Point for all programs such as a No Wrong Door Portal that spans across programs and government departments
- Create a centralized resource page with information for all waivers and other HCBS programs and services, how to access them, with accessible applications in all threshold languages.

## **Recommendation #3: Implement Universal Quality Metrics to Improve Quality and Remove Gaps**

- Implement the new Medicaid Access Rule's quality metrics requirements
- standardize quality metrics across LTSS systems in the state,
- Solicit stakeholder input into the rollout of the quality measures and ensure transparency throughout the process.



# Committee Member Discussion and Comments

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**BREAK: 15 minutes**

# DACLAC Housing Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



## **Marty Omoto**

California Disability Community Action Network,  
Consumer & Housing Subcommittee Chair

# Housing Subcommittee: Recommendation #1



## Recommendation #1: Improve Access to Affordable Housing with Rent Subsidies and other help

- Implement and expand transitional rent services and housing related Community supports under CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) and similar services including housing navigation, rental assistance/security deposits, tenancy sustaining services, housing modifications under other programs including Behavioral Health
- Make the optional CalAIM community support services statewide
- Develop inventory of state and local government services related housing, housing supports, homelessness prevention, renter protections, etc. by (a) pursuing federal funding for a pilot shallow subsidy program targeting rental assistance for older adults and people with disabilities at imminent risk of homelessness (Master Plan for Aging Initiative #2) and (b) directing Community Care Expansion funds to develop Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and other publicly subsidized housing in the community
- Develop a "No Wrong Door" approach that includes affordable housing and homelessness prevention and system navigation including the development of universal assessment tools used including coordinated entry system, that are used to assess housing needs and homelessness prevention



## **Recommendation #2: Breaking down silos that create barriers to housing**

- Coordinate the MPA housing work with CalHHS Master Plan for Developmental Services Stakeholder

## Recommendation #3: Rent Cap Protections

- Adopt rent cap protections in all settings including but not limited to (a) existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties (b) mobile homeowners who rent the land from park owners and are not protected by local ordinances (c) RCFE (Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly) and ARF (Adult Residential Facilities), including strengthening of protections from additional service costs.



# Committee Member Discussion and Comments

# DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee

## Key Priorities Discussions



**Michelle Rousey**

DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee Chair

# Transportation Subcommittee: Recommendation #1

**Recommendation #1: Ensure that two current state initiatives account for the need to expand and improve accessible transportation services (including paratransit) and costs to do so for older adults and people with disabilities.**

- SB 1121 (2022), State and Local Transportation Needs Assessment (CTC)
  - Assess the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next 10 years.
  - Acknowledge previous analysis by the State which demonstrates the outstanding need for increased funding and improved policies for accessible transit.
  - Solicit and incorporate substantial input from the older adult and disability community through a meaningful stakeholder process.
- SB 125 (2023), Transit Transformation Task Force (CalSTA)
  - Identify funding and policy recommendations to improve the provision and governance of public transit including accessible transportation services.

# Transportation Subcommittee: Recommendation #2

## **Recommendation #2: Implement standards identified and tools developed by the California Integrated Travel Project, including:**

- Establishing standardized statewide Caltrans eligibility definitions for accessible transportation benefits.
- Requiring transit operators that receive Transportation Development Act funding to honor state eligibility standards, alongside their own processes, for transportation benefits (including but not limited to reduced fare).
- Creating a standard definition of “caregiver” to streamline provision of benefits to caregivers.
- Continuing to allow cash fare payments until and unless there are ubiquitous and convenient options for the unbanked and underbanked.



# Committee Member Discussion and Comments



# Committee Consensus – Top 3 Recommendations



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Justice in Aging (JIA)

**Sheri Burns**  
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)

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# Remarks: Closing Comments

**Susan DeMarois**

Director, California Department of Aging

# Meeting Materials & Future Dates

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  - [CalHHS DACLAC Meeting webpage](#)



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