



Equity Advisory Committee on Aging and Disability (EACAD)

June 25, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Welcome



Carroll De Andreis

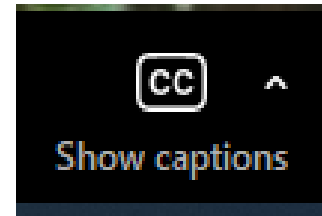
Master Plan of Aging (MPA) Stakeholder Engagement Manager

California Department of Aging

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The purpose of the Equity Advisory Committee on Aging and Disability (EACAD) is to serve as a strategic partner to California's Master Plan for Aging (MPA), advising and ensuring that equity is intentionally and meaningfully woven throughout the implementation of the MPA's Five Bold Goals.

Committee Purpose

EACAD Members

Maria Aguilar Aroch, *California Resource Services for Independent Living*

Julie Bates-Livesay, *Agency on Aging Area 4*

Lauren Brown, *University of Southern California, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology*

Linda Cardoza, *Advocate*

Megan Carey, *Advocate*

Denny Chan, *Justice in Aging*

Ann Choi, *Chapman Consulting*

Vincent Crisostomo, *San Francisco AIDS Foundation*

Eric Devezin, *Community Action Partnership*



EACAD Members (cont.)

Sue Elhessen, *Advocate*

Lynn Fritz, *Licensed Marriage Family Therapist*

Ephraim Getahun, *Advocate*

Diana Jimenez, *County of Monterey, Department of Social Services*

Katie Kalvoda, *Advance OC*

David “Jax” Kelly, *Aging and HIV Institute*

Nicola Lopez, *Caregiver OneCall*

Alicia Martinez, *California Rural Indian Health Board*

Alaya McKinney, *Advocate*



EACAD Members (cont.)

Jose Montoya, *California Health Collaborative*

Candelaria Pahua Oros, *Advocate*

Elizabeth Pinder-McSwain, *Caramel Connections Foundation*

Carmen Reyes, *University of California Los Angeles*

Amina Sen, *The Cambodian Family*

Dani Soto, *Openhouse*

Ronald Spingarn, *Advocate*

Carli Stelzer, *California Behavioral Health Association*



Agenda



10:00 a.m. | Welcome, Logistics Review & Land Acknowledgement

10:10 a.m. | Opening Remarks

10:20 a.m. | Aging & Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board Update

10:35 a.m. | EACAD Priorities Discussion

11:40 a.m. | Public Comments

11:50 a.m. | Closing Remarks

12:00 p.m. | Adjourn

Land Acknowledgement



Lynn Fritz

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Karuk Tribe, Happy Camp, CA

EACAD Member

Opening Remarks



Sarah Steenhausen

Deputy Director

California Department of Aging (CDA)

Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board (AD-LEAB)



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Deputy Director, CDA

Linda Cardoza

EACAD Member

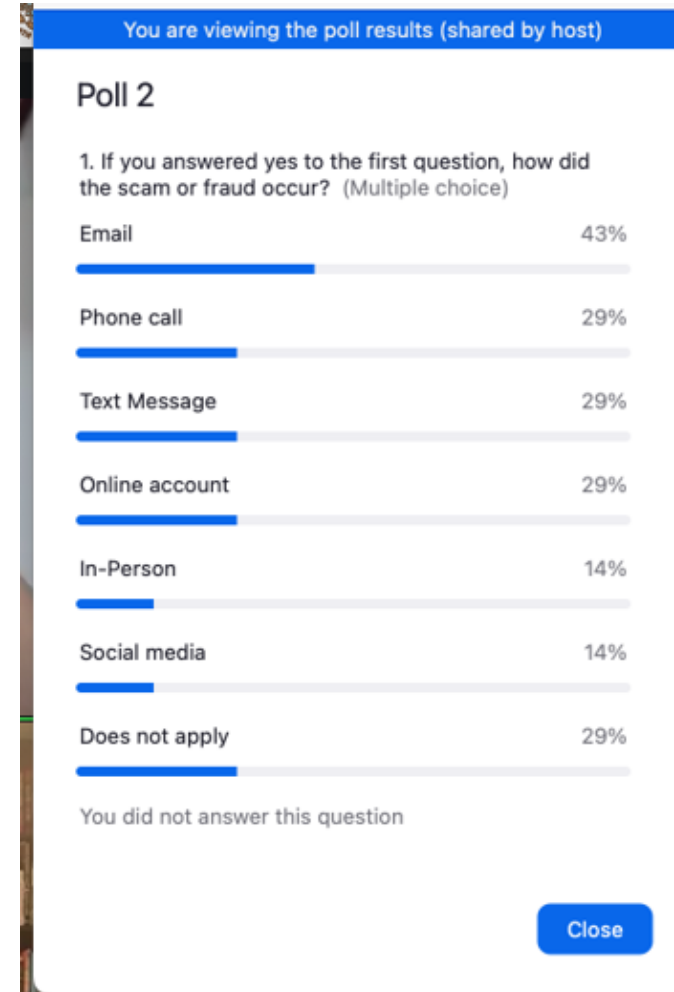
Meet the Board Members



May AD-LEAB Meeting Focus: Financial Scams and Fraud



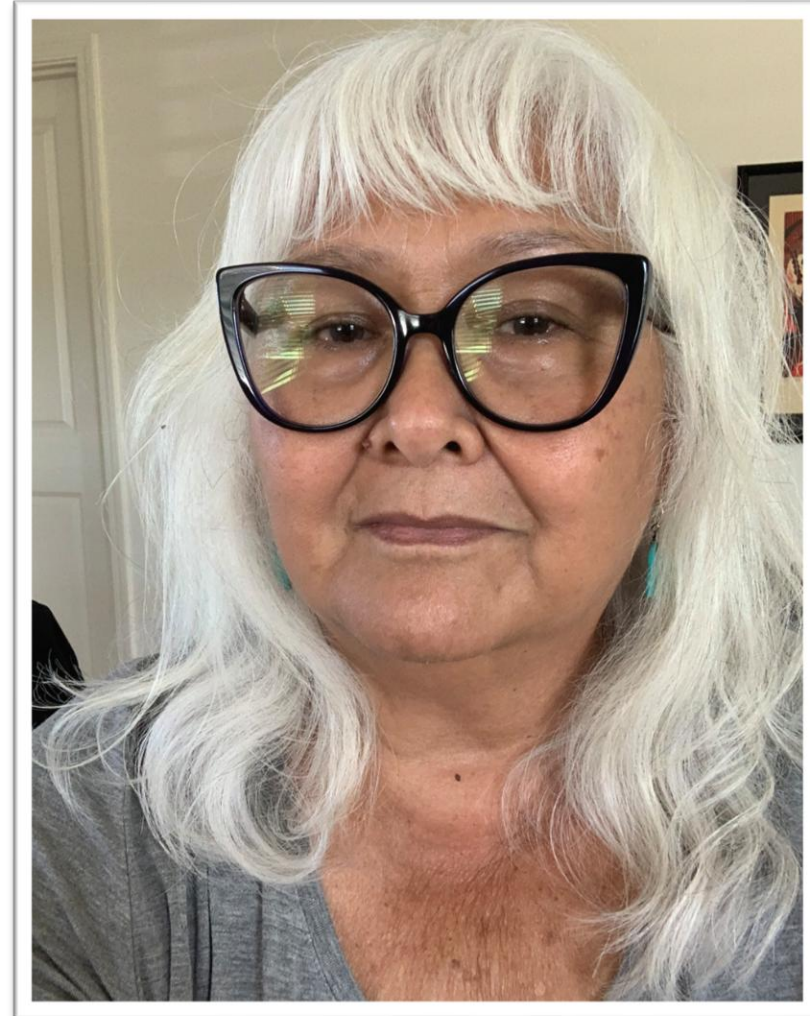
- 66% experienced attempts and/or incidents of financial fraud in the past 2–5 years
- Fraud occurred primarily through emails, phone calls, text messages, and online accounts



Carolyn Melenani Kualii: Berkeley, CA



“I’m really open to scam because I use technology all the time...Scammers are getting better and better at what they do.”



Jennifer Chassman Brown: Los Osos, CA



“My husband taught me to look at the email address of the sender. If it’s real, it’s coming from the company. It’s not coming from Gmail or some random address.”



Lilith DeAnu: Santa Rosa, CA



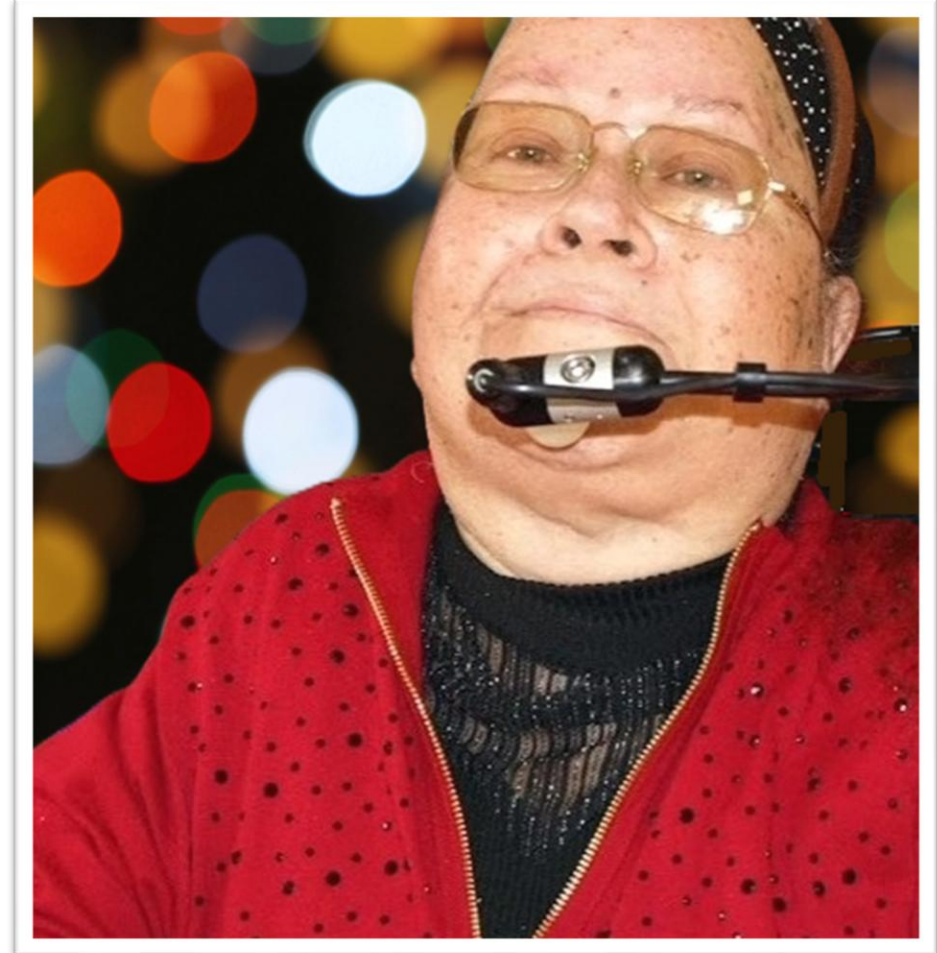
*“One thing that I find distressing is a scam that sounds legal but it’s not.”
(referring to collection companies)*



Cynde Soto: Long Beach, CA



“I haven’t fallen for it yet, but I’ve had phone calls, emails, and texts ... It’s hard to figure out if it is legit or not.”



“I have learned that financial abuse is still one of the number one abuses among older adults and often times it’s not reported.”



What We Heard



1. Focus on awareness and prevention
2. Understanding how older adults think
3. Address isolation and loneliness



What We Heard Would Help



- Engage older adults to design education materials
- Education materials connected to No Wrong Door system
- Service provider collaboration and coordination
- Leverage local trusted organizations
- Community helping community - peers training peers
- Community Health Workers or Peer Support Specialists
- Warm Line for information and support



Sarah Steenhausen

Deputy Director, CDA

Carroll De Andreis

MPA Stakeholder Engagement Manager, CDA

EACAD Committee Members

EACAD Stakeholder Leadership Workgroup



- Linda Cardoza, *Advocate*
- Ann Choi, *Chapman Consulting*
- Eric Anthony Devezin, *Community Action Partnership of Riverside County*
- Sue ElHessen, *Advocate*
- Jax Kelly, *Aging and HIV Institute*
- Nikki Lopez, *Caregiver OneCall*
- Jose Montoya, *California Health Collaborative*
- Candy Pahua Oros, *Advocate*
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Themes Identified by EACAD Stakeholder Leadership Workgroup



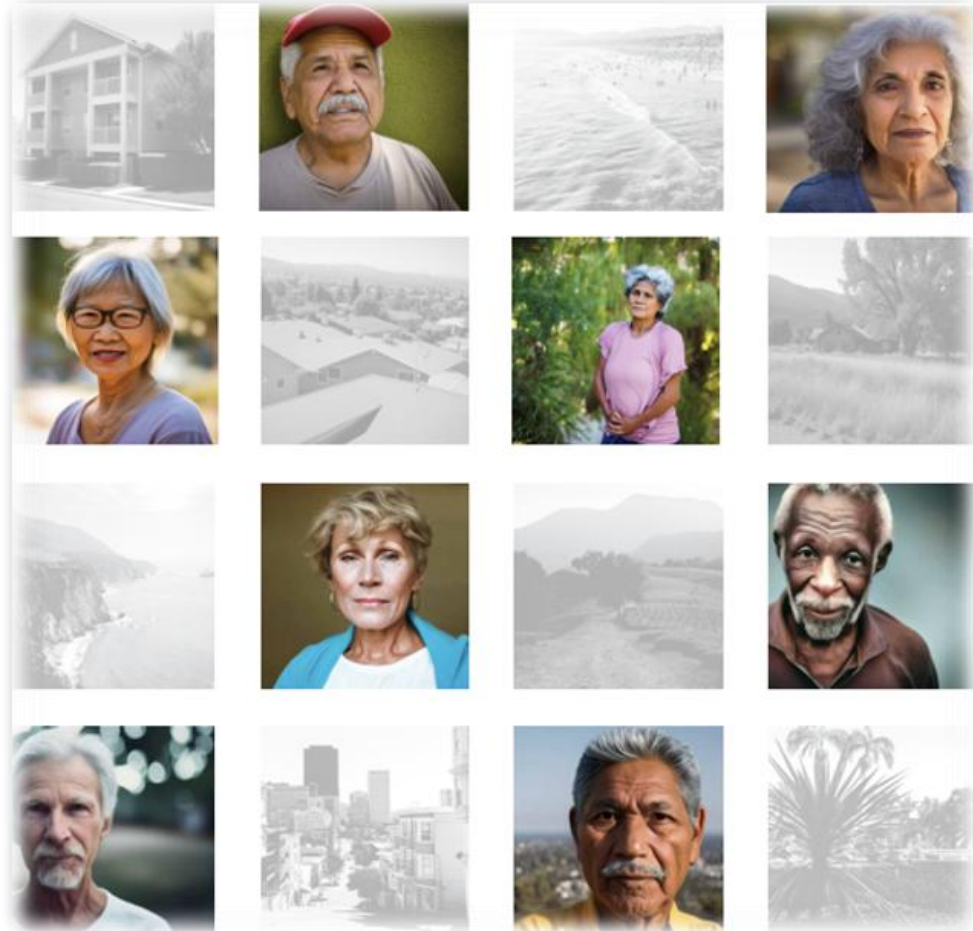
1. Access and Navigation



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2. Equity and Inclusion



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3. Aging in Place and Independent Living



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4. Workforce and System Readiness



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5. Healthy Aging with HIV and Systems Integration



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6. Behavioral Health, Social Connection, and Well-Being



Themes Identified by EACAD Stakeholder Leadership Workgroup



7. Future-Ready Aging Systems and Innovation



Results of EACAD Stakeholder Committee Priorities Survey



Q: Which of the following themes or areas of focus should EACAD prioritize for further exploration? (Select 3)

Themes/ Areas of Focus	%	#
Equity and Inclusion	65%	13
Behavioral Health, Social Connection, and Well-Being	65%	13
Aging in Place and Independent Living	55%	11

❖ Total # of Members Responded = 20

❖ Total # of EACAD Members = 26

Considerations



GOAL: Area(s) of focus

- Key issues where significant disparities exist, and increased awareness can help inform MPA implementation.
- Aligns with the MPA's goal areas

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Leverages current policy initiatives or partnership opportunities
- Addresses time-sensitive issues and/or emerging inequities
- Offers a clear pathway for action
- Does not duplicate the focus/work of other MPA Stakeholder Advisory Committees
- ***Other considerations to add?***

Committee Discussion & Feedback



We want to hear from you!

- Based on what you've heard and reflecting on your professional/personal experience, what do you see as the key issues of focus for EACAD and for what reasons?
- Thinking about the “considerations” we discussed earlier, are there any gaps, emerging issues, or opportunities that we may have overlooked that EACAD should elevate?

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Closing Comments and Next Steps

Meeting Resources



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- [CalHHS MPA – EACAD Information](#)
- [Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board](#)



Meeting Materials & Next Meeting Date

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Next Meeting Date

Thursday, October 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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