



## **COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS**

The Marin County Commission on Aging is a 23-member federally mandated advisory council to the Marin County Board of Supervisors as the Area Agency on Aging. The Commission works closely with the County's Department of Aging and Adult Services on behalf of Marin's older adults. Commissioners are appointed to three-year terms by either the Board of Supervisors or the 11 incorporated Cities and Towns in Marin. In addition, Marin County's Senior Assembly Member and Senior Senator, representatives of the California Senior Legislature (CSL), also serve as ex-officio members for a four-year term.

All committees welcome and seek interested community members. Contact the committee coordinator listed below for more information. Meeting schedules vary. See the descriptions below for further information.

### **Equity, Outreach and Advocacy**

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The Equity, Outreach and Advocacy Committee seeks to promote equity and racial justice in Marin County, especially as it affects older adults. The committee provides education and tools to support commissioners' capacity to perform active outreach in their communities. The committee makes recommendations to the Commission on strategies designed to encourage community participation, and to advocate collaboratively on equity issues.

### **Housing & Transportation Committee**

The Housing and Transportation Committee focuses on the housing and transportation needs of Marin's diverse older adult population. It supports quality affordable housing, including home ownership, rental housing, subsidized housing, senior housing, and long-term care facilities. The committee also advocates for

and promotes safety, accessibility and walkability in the built environment, volunteer driving programs and local transportation services, including accessible transportation and paratransit, while educating the public about how to use and access those resources.

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### **Health & Nutrition Committee**

The Health and Nutrition Committee identifies and studies health and nutrition issues of interest and concern to older adults and makes recommendations to the Commission for action. This committee identifies and studies issues related to improving the health and well-being of older adults, with particular emphasis on healthy aging and injury prevention. This committee assists Agency staff in supporting and monitoring the County's nutrition related programs.

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### **Legislative Advocacy Committee**

The Legislative Advocacy Committee identifies and studies legislation of importance to older adults in Marin County. It may request support from the Commission and/or Marin County Board of Supervisors for specific legislation. It may act on pending legislation that is covered in the Marin County Federal and State Legislative Platform by sending letters of support or opposition to the California Legislature, or by providing testimony at hearings. The committee provides recommendations for older adult policy priorities to the Board of Supervisors as input to the County's Federal and State Legislative Platform on an annual basis. It advocates for favorable local, state, and federal legislation on behalf of older adults.

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### **Planning Committee**

The Planning Committee provides coordination across the Standing Committees of the Commission to drive synergies, and to ensure alignment with the goals of the Commission in partnership with the AAA. It advises and guides the development of the state-mandated Marin County Area Plan for Aging and its annual updates. It works closely with the AAA to develop, implement, and report on Marin County's needs assessment of older adults. It oversees the implementation and evaluation of the Commission's annual fiscal year goals, and the objectives for each of the Commission's Standing Committees. As

appropriate, the Planning Committee serves as a Commission/AAA liaison, providing support and input into countywide planning efforts and special funding initiatives that affect the health and well-being of older adults.

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