

COMMITTEE: Legislative	DATE: Jul. 31, 2020	LOCATION: Zoom Video Conference
PRESENT: Barry, Boutilier, Bortel, López, <i>Peter Mendoza (Marin Center for Independent Living), Joan Lubamersky (CA Assemblyman Marc Levine, Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative), Kris Organ (CA Alliance for Retired Americans), Mandy Reyes (Sr. Program Coordinator, AAA)</i>		
EXCUSED: Brinkmann, <i>Mills (CA Senator Mike McGuire), McKeon (Redwoods), Dick (Esquire)</i>		
RECORDER: Mandy Reyes		
NEXT MEETING: TBD		

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<p>Call to Order: Chair Boutilier called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda Approval: The agenda for July 31, 2020 was approved as written.</p> <p>Meeting Minutes Approval: The minutes for June 9, 2020 was approved as amended with a typo corrected.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: Linda Jackson (<i>Aging Action Initiative</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AAI steering committee had a retreat this week and decided to go ahead and have the AAI convening this fall on Zoom. They will be surveying people for topics of what to cover. • One of the things she is hearing about from older adults in the community is that the shelter in place is destroying them. She is hearing this from moms of teenagers as well. We need to have pods that we can form. We need to know how to be safe and be protected if we want to make the choice to go out. 	

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<p>Peter Mendoza (<i>Marin Center for Independent Living</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a state-wide call with communities with emotional needs and disabilities. At the meeting, one of the items they discussed was the local Ombudsman in many counties are still being prohibited from going to convalescent facilities to see the residents of those facilities. This is causing a problem because people may not be getting their rights upheld. In the two counties who do allow it, the residents did not recognize their representatives because it had been so long and because they were wearing masks. They are now going to carry a photo with their mask off to help with recognition. The other problem is that residents are showing signs of stress since Covid-19 has started. • Please join us on Saturday, August 1st for a CARAvan in Marin to celebrate Medicare, social security, the ADA, and more. And don't forget to register for CARAs statewide celebration and town hall on July 31st via zoom. Register at July31.cara@gmail.com. <p>Legislative Aide Reports: Joan Lubamersky (<i>District Representative, CA Senator Mike McGuire</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bills being heard have to do with Covid and to some extent wildfire issues only. Other than that, a lot of good legislation is not being talked about. • Legislatures are older and so there as been an issue with voting remotely. Things are moving slowly and it's halting. It's hard and limited. • Not much is moving in regard to bills. • Assemblymember Levine has tried to bring forward a bill about planning for skilled nursing facilities in the future and how to handle pandemic issues. Part of the response he has received is those people don't have time to plan right now because they are too busy doing it. It looks like it won't be calendared. <p>Chair's Report (Boutilier):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Boutilier noted that there was an Equity and Ageism program that was put on by CDA and lead by Shireen McSpadden. The recording of it will be on the CDA site. A takeaway that Boutilier walked away with is that these are things that you cannot change and isn't valued by society. • Diana Lopez has made a request to Ralph to Chair this Legislative committee. This committee is a real interest to her, and Sybil has a lot of other things going on. 	

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<p>Calif Master Plan/Aging Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Master Plan on Aging is going to meet this month. There is a new long-term care benefit that is being proposed. The issue is it is light on specifics. It's not clear about what benefits will be included, whether people who are dual eligible will be able to benefit, etc. <p>Budgets: State Budget / Federal CARES Act 2.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A budget has been released; however, it is certainly not going to be the final word until the federal government makes their next move. Many of the things we were lobbying for and mainly the legislature's version of the May revise, look like they are in the bills that are being discussed right now at the federal level. It doesn't look like any money has been put aside for the Master Plan for Aging. Chair Boutilier wrote a letter for the consideration of the committee. It's written to the senators specifically asking for funding on a few specific items during this time of Covid. The committee voted to approve and send the letter as revised. <p>Bills Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State – None to review Federal – None to review <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Regular Meetings (poll result) – it was decided that 9:30 – 11 a.m. on the third Friday of the month will work. The committee voted on and approved this new regular schedule. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Barry noted that in November there will be a property tax bill, California Prop 19. A yes vote would: <i>* allow eligible homeowners to transfer their tax assessments anywhere within the state and allow tax assessments to be transferred to a more expensive home with an upward adjustment;</i> 	

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<p><i>* increase the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments from one to three;</i></p> <p><i>* require that inherited homes that are not used as principal residences, such as second homes or rentals, be reassessed at market value when transferred; and</i></p> <p><i>* allocate additional revenue or net savings resulting from the ballot measure to wildfire agencies and counties.</i></p> <p>Committee members encouraged the group to hear all sides because it could be a big impact on struggling counties.</p> <p>Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2020</p>	