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## California Commission on Aging Year in Review 2025

### Championed Legislation

SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing, signed by Governor Newsom  
October 1, 2025

### Approved Budget Requests

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): \$44.6M in General Funds on a one-time basis, to be committed or spent before 6-30-27.

Adult Protective Services Home Safe: \$83.8M in General Funds on a one-time basis, to be committed or spent before 6-30-27.

### Sponsored Outreach

*AGING & DISABILITY: What Legislative Staff Need to Know for 2025*, January

Annual Legislative Lunch Reception, March

Commissioner Legislative Visits, March

Informational hearing, *Recovering Together: Rebuilding Life After the Fires*, May

Statewide partnership with Eldera to recruit older adults for virtual youth mentorship, *September*

### Cheryl Brown Gerontology Scholarship Program

First scholarship awarded to a Sacramento State Black Honors College Gerontology major!

### State & Federal Advocacy

Submitted policy recommendations for state and federal initiatives impacting older adults

Published a policy brief and the paper: *REBUILDING LIVES: Disaster Response and Recovery for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities in California*

Provided Expert Testimony in support of championed legislation

Testimony to Joint Legislative Audit Committee on the Impact of Disasters on Older Adults

Formed Aging and Disability Coalition with other statewide Aging and Disability associations and advocacy groups.



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### **Systemic Advocacy**

Membership and participation in 15+ advisory boards, task forces, commissions, and coalitions  
Provided constituent support for 100+ individual advocacy requests

### **Educational Presentations**

20+ presentations to state and local organizations, including:

- Rural Health Association Annual Conference
- California Health Advocates Annual Conference
- California Area Agencies on Aging
- Inland Empire Master Plan on Aging
- Kaiser Aging Symposium
- Univision Interview
- San Diego Senior Alliance
- Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee
- California Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council
- Sistahs Aging with Grace and Elegance
- Home Care Association of America

### **Looking forward to 2026!**