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ASA's Aging in America Conference is coming to San Francisco!

More than 3,000 attendees from across the nation and abroad will attend *Aging in America*, March 26-29, 2018 at Hilton San Francisco Union Square to learn, network and participate in the largest multidisciplinary conference in aging.

The Golden State will be well represented as presenters from several California organizations will share successes and challenges, and illuminate conference attendees with local and regional perspectives. Additionally, attendees can choose from more than 400 sessions focused on topics critical to aging and quality of life for older adults. Topics include aging in community, caregiving, health and wellness, Alzheimer's, business, lifelong learning, engagement, mental health, policy and advocacy, technology, religion, spirituality and meaning, care transitions and much more.

To learn more about the 2018 Aging in America Conference you can access the [conference announcement online](#) or visit the AiA18 website at www.asaging.org/aia.

Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. **Use discount code CCOA50 when you register and save \$50!**

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American Society on Aging voices opposition to short-term federal spending



ASA leadership opposes efforts by House Republicans to avert a government shut-down with a short-term spending bill that funds the Department of Defense through the entire fiscal year, but only provides short-term funding for all other government operations.

ASA Board Chair Bob Blancato characterized the legislation as “unbalanced and unfair. To ensure funding for one priority for the rest of the year while subjecting others to temporary funding is the heart of what is wrong with this bill.”

ASA members argue that a responsible policy should provide both defense and non-defense discretionary programs with full-year funding—with higher spending caps for both.

“To pass this bill on the heels of the huge gamble being taken with the tax reform bill delivers a double slap to vulnerable Americans of all ages, especially those who rely on safety net programs for survival,” added Bill Benson, Chair of the ASA Public Policy Committee.

ASA members want both the House and Senate to reject this stop-gap spending bill and instead adopt a balanced, bi-partisan consensus on responsible budgeting for government that protects the vulnerable.

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California Commission on Aging members and staff to present at ASA

CCoA Immediate Past Chairman Paul Downey will present two sessions at ASA. *Making Our Voices Heard in the current political climate* will focus on the use technology and social media to augment traditional advocacy efforts. He will also be part of a Leadership Institute panel titled *Building Models of Collaboration*.

Commissioner and retired Superior Court Judge Julie Conger will be joined by Lisa Nerenberg of the California Elder Justice Coalition and **CCoA Legislative Director Carol Sewell** to present on *Meeting the Needs of Elder Abuse and Exploitation Victims through Public Policy*.

Commission member Dr. Marcy Adelman will present on the development, recommendations and implementation of recommendations of the San Francisco LGBT Aging Policy Task Force (2012- 2014) as part of a panel titled *Developing a City Task Force or State Wide Commission on Aging for Underserved Populations*.

CCoA Executive Director Sandi Fitzpatrick will serve on a panel presenting *Recommendations From a Legislatively Appointed Task Force to Support California's Family Caregivers*. Created by the State Legislature in 2015, the California Task Force on Family Caregiving is charged with providing policy recommendations to better support caregivers.

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Join policymakers, thought leaders, community members
and clinicians at a special event:

Monday, January 8, 2018

5:00pm – 6:00pm Reception

6:00pm – 7:00pm Program

**California Museum for History, Women and the Arts
1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA**

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Upcoming Events

January 8, Alzheimer's Women's Initiative. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, 1020 "O" St., Sacramento. 916-447-2731 to RSVP.

January 8-9, California Commission on Aging, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento. www.ccoa.ca.gov for agenda.

January 24, Congress of California Seniors Convention—*Advocating for the Long-Term*, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena. www.seniors.org for information and to register.

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