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Candidates for Election to the California Senior Legislature

from Santa Barbara and
San Luis Obispo Counties

What is the California Senior Legislature?

California Senior Legislature (CSL) is an annual model legislative session in which 120 elected senior delegates convene in Sacramento to consider aging-related bills they have written. Year-round activities include advocacy efforts to support the priorities of the CSL.

The California Senior Legislature establishes priorities for consideration by the State Legislature in the following session to address the concerns and needs of senior citizens of the State of California. The CSL was established by the State Legislature to provide an organized grass roots advocacy tool with direct input into the State Legislature.

The first session of the CSL was held in 1980. Since that time, CSL delegates have spearheaded advocacy efforts in long term care, elder abuse, nursing home reform, national health plan and many other areas.

How are Delegates Elected to the CSL?

One hundred and twenty (120) delegates are elected to four year terms in the CSL from all areas of the State. The **Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging**, is responsible for the conduct of the election of three (3) delegates from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

Two Senior Assembly persons and one Senior Senator are elected to represent the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will elect the three (3) delegates at their meeting on Friday, May 11, 2018.

The AAA Advisory Council voted at its January 2018 meeting to initiate term limits for locally elected delegates. As a result, the May 2018 election will include a four-year term for the Senior Senator position and a two year term for the two Senior Assemblypersons elected. The elected Senior Assemblypersons will be eligible for a second full term (4 years).

It is the intent of the AAA Advisory Council that the terms are staggered.

Who is eligible to be a CSL candidate?

Any person who is sixty (60) years of age or over and is a registered voter of either San Luis Obispo or Santa Barbara Counties.

How does a Person become a candidate?

A person must submit the Application for Candidacy, official petition, CSL Statement of Commitment, CSL Code of Ethics and biographical statement by **April 30, 2018** to the office of the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging, in Santa Maria. The forms can be submitted via USPS, email or FAX.

Other Information

Costs of the delegates to attend the annual session of the California Senior Legislature in Sacramento are reimbursed by the California Commission on Aging.

Meetings to provide information about the California Senior Legislature, the election and duties of CSL delegates will be held as follows:

in San Luis Obispo: Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa St., Friday, March 2nd at Noon;

in Santa Barbara: Carrillo Community Center, 100 E. Carrillo, Thursday, March 8th at 2:30 p.m.;

in Santa Maria: Area Agency on Aging office, 528 S. Broadway, Monday, March 5th at 2 p.m..

For additional information or the necessary forms, contact the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging office at 1-800-510-2020, 965-3288, 541-0394, 925-9554 or via FAX at 805- 925-9555 or via e-mail seniors@kcbx.net or www.CentralCoastSeniors.org .