

AASC Southern California Chapter
Meeting with California Congressional Office Staff
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
1 p.m. – 2 p.m. PST

Opening (5 minutes)

AASC Southern California Chapter President, Kat Bohse, will open the meeting and introduce AASC Director of Government Affairs, Melissa Harris.

Melissa will turn it over to AASC Policy Consultant Bill Benson. Bill will turn it over to AASC Policy Consultant Kendra Kuehn. Kendra will turn it over to AASC Policy Consultant Alayna Waldrum, who will set the stage for the discussion and turn it over for introductions (give brief description of who is in the group and what the goals are for the meeting).

Congressional Staff Introductions (20 minutes)

Congressional staff will introduce themselves and explain their work within their office in the realm of housing and aging. Invited: Sen. Padilla, Sen. Feinstein, Rep. Waters, Speaker Pelosi

Chapter Members Introductions (3-5 minutes per representative)

During your introduction, share the following basic information:

- Name and Title
- Your Organization/Property
- How many properties your organization represents and in what states properties are located
- How many residents you serve
- Community/organization data you have that supports your comments or shows the impact of your work
- What in the last year has been most important to the residents I serve? (covid vaccines, addressing social determinants of health through programming, reducing social isolation, beneficial partnerships, preventing evictions, helping residents access technology, etc.)
- Biggest challenge over the last year (staff turnover, access to internet, building healthcare partnerships, connecting residents to tech/devices)

Order of Comments

1. Michelle Ornelas – RHF – Michelle.Ornelas@rhf.org
2. Mario Melendez – TELACU – mmelendez@telacu.com
3. Jasmine Borrego – TELACU – jborrego@TELACU.com
4. Donna Griggs-Murphy – Human Good - Donna.Griggs-Murphy@HumanGood.org
5. TBD –Covia, Front Porch

Wrap-up (10 minutes)

- Questions from Congressional staff
- AASC Policy Team will reiterate the importance of including robust service coordination funding in the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations bill and offer to send a follow-up email with AASC priorities and legislation.

Action items:

- Chapter Information Specialist Yoselinda Linares to track member attendance, which Alayna will email to Congressional staffers following the meeting.