



**City of Winters**  
**Winters Senior Commission**  
**on Aging**  
**Legislative Advocacy Platform**  
**2021/2022**

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Resolution No. 2019-19  
Establishing The Winters Senior Commission on Aging

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The purpose of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging (WSCoA) is to perform the following functions:

- A. Act as an advisory body to the City Council through research, evaluation, and recommendations of grants and program proposals affecting the well-being of new or existing senior programs in the City of Winters; and
- B. Work to define the unmet needs of Winter's senior citizens and identify ways to meet those needs.
- C. Explore improved standards of services to the aging and explore new services for the aging, through public and private resources; and
- D. Act as an advisory body to the City Council regarding the design, programs, operation, and maintenance of the proposed senior center, when completed, and until a similar task force is formed specifically for the senior center; and
- E. Identify and keep current the inventory of various activities and services available to seniors in Winters, both public and private; and
- F. Disseminate information to seniors regarding the availability and uses of congressional bills that would affect senior citizens; and
- G. Recommend and coordinate senior citizen programs and resources, including but not limited to transportation, health, and recreation.

## PURPOSE

### The Winters Senior Commission of Aging Legislative Platform Summary

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The intent of the Legislative and advocacy platform is to convey to policymakers, including the community, and the media, where the WSCoA stands on important and premeditated legislative positions.

Like a strategic plan, a legislative platform provides a mechanism for commissions, city council, and staff to *“be on the same page”*, and therefore better coordinate execution of aligned policies and programs.

Our Legislative Platform and Advocacy program address’ our priority issues directly and indirectly facing the senior citizen and disabled community prior to the start of each federal/state/regional legislative two-year session. The WSCoA Platform outlines our position on priority issues.

The Platform is designed to be broad in scope and flexible enough to address predicted and unanticipated issues that inevitably arise during a legislative session.

The Platform serves as our guiding document for our advocacy positions taken on legislative matters by the commission and for the community.

## DECLARATION

### Introduction and Guiding Principles

The purpose of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging (WScOA) legislative platform is to publicly state our position on older adult, and disabled, issues including, but not limited to, ambient senior citizen matters, to deliver a community vehicle whereby its interests, including the safety and health of the City of Winters community, and Yolo County, can be advocated at the State, Federal, and regional levels.

The WScOA Legislative Platform is aligned with the City's Strategic Goals that focus on providing the highest level of service to the City's residents and businesses. The Legislative Platform provides clear direction to the Mayor, City Manager, and where the City Council can respond as necessary, relevant legislative initiatives that impact, and has the inherent potential to influence, senior citizens, and the disabled. The WScOA shall organize and coordinate the annual monitoring of legislative issues that impact the City and ensure that the City views its position on all applicable senior citizen, and disabled, proposed regional, state-wide, including national legislation, and related regulatory matters in a timely manner.

The WScOA Legislative Platform is an inclusive advance toward maturing obligations and does not preclude any current policy City Council and staff currently apply from moving forward. As necessary, City Staff could solicit Mayor and City Council authorization to amend the WScOA Legislative Platform at any time to include items not comprised in the existing Legislative Platform.

For proposed legislation, accordance with the WScOA Legislative Platform and/ or consistent with legislative positions the city has taken in the past, the WScOA and/ or City Staff, upon process approval, may prepare position letters for the mayor's signature and submittal.

Nevertheless, for the WScOA to take an official position on recommended legislative matters, the WScOA shall direct its endorsements to the City Manager's office for further review and comment. The WScOA shall not endorse legislative issues without the City Manager's office review, Mayor, and City Council approval.

*Winters Senior Commission on Aging*

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2021/2022 Legislative Platform and Advocacy

BACKGROUND:

The Winters Senior Commission on Aging (WScOA), recognizes and advocates the need for active legislative engagement to defend and enhance the interests of City of Winters older adult, and disabled community, and industry. Accordingly, City officials and staff maintain ongoing business relationships with regional/state/federal representatives to promote, influence, and monitor pertinent state and federal legislation.

The WScOA Legislative Platform contains broad program proclamations as connected to a wide variety of contiguous and influencing issues that impacts the community in general and the older adult, and the disabled population, specifically. The WScOA Legislative Platform provides an interactive and germane framework for the WScOA to properly respond to legislative issues in a timely manner, including correspondence with and from the mayor, and City Council, and collaborating with each as a necessary process to gather civic needs and reactions. The WScOA's primary legislative and advocacy focus includes educating the community, and in specific, the older adult and disabled population relevant to improving public good, health and safety, environmental sustainability, transportation, veterans matters, healthcare, in-home supportive services, nutrition, recreational, transportation, technology, and infrastructure improvements to enhance the safety, health, dignity, independence, and mobility, of our current and future, older adult and disabled community.

By implementing and maintaining a timely, vigorous, and proactive legislative advocacy program, the WScOA can assist the City of Winters and therefore ensure that the mayor, City Council, and staff will be fully apprised of evolving regional/state/federal initiatives that may affect the City's key priorities, programs, or operations that could impact the older adult and disabled community. In addition, having a robust and effective older adult, and disabled, legislative advocate program with a physical presence in the City of Winters and Yolo County, is important for tracking older adult and disabled legislation that might impact and therefore influence the community and will help in building essential relationships with key elected officials and their offices.

Accordingly, the statements outlined within the Legislative Platform are intended to assist the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff to visionarily and appropriately address legislation to promote City interests and preserve local legislative authority when and where necessary.

Here in the City of Winters, the WScOA takes seriously our assigned role in local government to help create a bright and promising future for everyone who lives, learns, works, and plays here – free of discrimination – by establishing and maintaining the social, economic, and physical environments that promote a safe and healthy atmosphere while protecting vulnerable populations – giving everyone the opportunity to succeed.

To this end, all persons within the City of Winters should be free and equal and should not be discriminated against based on their age, gender, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary language, citizenship, or immigration status.

## PRIORITY ISSUES

WScOA supports the ability of the city to serve its residents and businesses and provide for a thriving and sustainable community which requires support from all levels of government and support from the community. To fulfill the City's commitment to the older adult, and disabled community, relevant governmental, including public/private resources should be reasonably sought to support the city's mission to enrich the dignity, independence, and quality of life of older adult, and disabled, residents. To this end, the WScOA supports the ambient and inclusive priorities from broad legislative principles set forth below. Priority issues have a significant impact on community and business on which City staff can advocate for and will concentrate their legislative efforts during the 2021/2022 Legislative Session. The WScOA top priorities include, but are not limited to:

- Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water
- Resource Management, Environmental Health and Sustainability
- Health and Human Services,
- Housing,
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness,
- Transportation, and
- Veterans Affairs.

The WScOA widely buttresses and deems governmental funding, including public/private subsidies, for relevant, and specific, older adult and disabled narrated services, and support; needed by the community, families, and individuals, seeking assistance who need access, but not limited to, safe housing, senior-citizens free from abuse neglect and exploitation, effective healthcare, in-home supportive services, respite care, assisted living environments, functional transportation, access to nutritional foods, all ambient areas necessary for a life to be lived in safety, health, independence, and with dignity.

WScOA also fully understands that elder abuse is that intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. An older adult is someone age 60 or older. WScOA also supports increased financial provisions for programs that assist the service needs of the elderly who are victims of abuse. Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. Emotional or Psychological Abuse refers to verbal or nonverbal behaviors that inflict anguish, mental pain, fear, or distress on an older adult exploitation.

## Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

WSCoA supports regional/state/federal legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the City of Winters and Yolo County's consequential agricultural, water, and natural resources. The WSCoA opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important regional/state/federal resource programs impacting our community. The WSCoA principles include, but not limited to:

1. Support regional/state/federal legislation that would advance public/private funding for Wildlife Services management and education programs that both aid the agricultural industry including public access/education in safely and healthy interactions with wildlife.
2. Support all efforts to protect City of Winters and Yolo County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and habitat restoration efforts.
3. Support all efforts to protect Putah Creek and its wildlife/spawning component as a major Northern California stream, a public tributary of the Yolo Bypass, and ultimately, the Sacramento River.
4. Support efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources and its depletion during, and post, this period of drought.
5. Support legislation that would achieve the optimal level of public/private funding for required regulatory activities, such as pest exclusion, detection, and eradication, and improve coordination between regional/state/federal, existing, current, and future programs.
6. Support legislation that would improve public/private funding and effectiveness of regional/state/federal pesticide regulation activities to protect the safety of exposed workers, the public, and environment. In addition, support legislation that promotes statewide consistency in the enforcement of pesticide laws and regulations and County Agricultural Commissioners and California Department of Pesticide Regulation primacy for pesticide use enforcement.
7. Support legislation that would promote public/private funded regulatory activities for biologically sound beekeeping, improve the safety of exposed people and domestic animals, wildlife, and improve the protection of pollinators and native honeybee health.
8. Support legislation that would encourage conservation of agricultural, agritourism, land by providing public/private funding for conservation easements or the transfer/purchase of development rights and economic incentives for farmers to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on their farms.
9. Support changes to the California Constitution to expand the exemption from the majority property owner 2/3rds electorate vote requirement to include stormwater, flood protection/drainage fees, and permit "lifeline rates" for water and stormwater projects to benefit low-income residents.
10. Closely monitor updates to all Stormwater rules that may have adverse effects on local communities.

## Resource Management, Environmental Health and Sustainability

WScOA supports regional/state/federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental safety, health, and sustainability of the City of Winters and Yolo County, including public/private funding for key programs. WScOA opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. The WScOA principles include, but not limited to:

1. Support regional/state/federal legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the City of Winters and Yolo County climate protection efforts, including the ability for the City of Winters to obtain greenhouse gas reduction credits and public/private funding for energy conservation/alternative energy projects.
2. Support public/private funding to sustain operations, maintenance, and repair of dated infrastructure in local park agencies. Support legislative efforts to keep State Parks open in Yolo County.
3. Minimize proposed changes to Building Codes made by the legislative process. Focus code changes on established procedures through the Building Standards Commission.
4. Support reinstatement of state funding that eliminated all subvention payments for the Williamson Act program, that was defunded by California in FY2011/12.
5. Oppose legislation and other ecosystem enhancing actions that diminish the City of Winters and Yolo County's ability to require mitigation of the conversion of agricultural lands, including tempering to enhance existing agricultural lands.
6. Support sensible and meaningful California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform that both streamlines processes and serves to reduce meaningless litigation, while maintaining strong analytic and mitigation requirements for projects that clearly have significant environmental consequences at a regional/state/federal level.
7. Support actions for a responsive, efficient, and effective City of Winters and Yolo County environmental safety and health programs.
8. Support any legislation that simplifies reporting for local environmental health programs to the state, including revisions to California's Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.95 to streamline and modernize hazardous materials program reporting.
9. Support legislation assisting local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates consistent with ongoing regional/state/federal mandates during, and post, this period of drought.
10. Support legislation to improve access to safe and healthy foods via community gardens, school gardens, etc.
11. Support legislation that provides private/public funding opportunities to sustain and expand a city and countywide parks system.
12. Oppose legislation and rule-making that would diminish local authority to regulate cannabis activities.

13. Support legislation that streamlines the permitting of organic waste processing, composting, and recycling infrastructure to achieve State mandated recycling mandates, while preserving local requirements that allow such use with reasonable public safety, health, and the environmental protections, such as wet weather restrictions, setbacks to residences, and other specific requirements, such as those based on the type of biosolids and location for biosolids land applications, for example.
14. Support legislation that allows collaboration between the groundwater sustainability agencies and the local environmental health departments regarding monitoring and permitting of wells during, and post, California's drought.
15. Support legislation that consolidates and simplifies rules and requirements to improve groundwater recharge through approved local/county/state reuse and recycling.
16. Support public/private funding to assess and encourage innovation toward water conservation and reuse, especially treated wastewater, and enhancement of groundwater recharge in both incorporated and unincorporated communities.
17. Support legislation that promotes regional consolidation of water systems in local communities and secures access to public/private funding for local community water systems that are at risk of failure due to infrastructure age, abuse, or elimination of groundwater sources due to periods of drought, or that pose health and safety risks to customers and the community.
18. Support legislation and administrative actions that provide public/private funding for local agencies and property owners to properly terminate abandoned water wells that pose safety, health, or water quality impact risks, or migration.
19. Support legislation, administrative actions, and public/private funding for local agencies to modernize light and heavy equipment fleet vehicles, including transition from diesel-fueled vehicles to cleaner-fueled vehicles, such as electric.
20. Support legislation that promotes and enforces liability on household items such as basic everyday refuse, domestic vegetation, appliances, furniture, etc., discarded onto, and into, the public ecosystems. Properly allow local programs for registration, and appropriate insurance coverage, of public/private authorized waste haulers.
21. Support public/private funding opportunities to enforce prevention of illegal dumping including proactive enforcement activities.
22. Support public/private funding to provide for safe and proper removal of inoperative or abandoned large vehicles, such as motor homes, automobiles, trucks, travel trailers, from private and public property.
23. Support legislation and funding for removal of abandoned or inoperative boats from private and public property.
24. Support legislation or administrative actions that place mandatory inspection frequencies for regulated businesses in abeyance during declared emergencies that impact business operations or government staffing.

## Health and Human Services

WSCOA supports federal, state, and local legislative and regulatory actions that promote the safety, health, and welfare of the City's most vulnerable residents, including the disabled and seniors. WSCOA opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medicaid (California's version is Medi-Cal), and Medicare, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include support legislation relative to the client case maintenance process, to improve system performance and outcomes. The WSCOA principles include, but not limited to:

1. Support federal Medicaid and California's Medical, funding to be enhanced for individuals placed in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act and Americans with Disability Act, and for programs and initiatives that enhance sustenance of independent living for disabled and senior adults
2. Support reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program with a particular emphasis on restoring California and Yolo County flexibility to tailor work and family stabilization activities to families' individual needs.
3. Support legislation for prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services for youth and adults, including the disabled and seniors, with substance use issues, including cannabis, powder alcohol, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
4. Support legislative, administrative, and public/private budgetary efforts that seek to maintain active and healthy independence for seniors and the disabled, including housing, nutrition, healthcare, funding, and other support for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Support services that focus on comprehensive, integrated assistance for the disabled and seniors, including personal in-home care services, food assistance, prevention and investigation of abuse and neglect, and assistance accessing relevant programs such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cal-Fresh and cash assistance programs.
5. Support sufficient funding for local CalWORKs programs and support services and to sufficiently fund CalWORKs.
6. Support efforts to modernize election administration to increase voter turnout, reduce the local cost of elections, reduce waiting time at polling places, increase convenience for voters, and improve voting opportunity for overseas and military voters.
7. Support legislation that promotes streamlined and efficient enrollment processes for clients enrolling into government run programs, including free/reduced-cost school lunch program, WIC, Meals on Wheels, CalFresh and more.
8. Support enhanced funding for quality childcare services (that also provide employment and education opportunities for local and county residents), and for early learning opportunities.
9. Support efforts that assist foster youth in the transition to self-sufficiency and among care providers.

10. Support new or increased funding for mental health programs. Specifically support efforts to allow for flexibility for all appropriately licensed individuals to bill for provided mental health services.
11. Support efforts that assist seniors and the disabled to maintain self-sufficiency and active and healthy independence with dignity. Support legislation that would promote the psychological, social, and physical wellbeing of seniors and the disabled through expansion of mental health services and health-related programs including nutrition, education, physical fitness, disease prevention and rehabilitation.
12. Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to disabled and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
13. Support legislative and budgetary efforts to address risk factors for chronic diseases and to optimize preparedness to respond to communicable diseases (including public health lab services), and natural emergencies.
14. Support efforts to improve health and promote safety, economic well-being, and aging- in place initiatives for the disabled, senior citizens, and their families.
15. Support independent living services for foster youth including housing and educational support.
16. Support public/private grants and funding for programs to address homelessness, imminent homelessness, and related issues. Work with community partners to assess and expand affordable housing for low-income populations including senior citizens and the disabled.
17. Support legislation that promotes prevention–focused policies and interventions for illness and injuries. Support full regional/state/federal funding and cost-of-living increases for state programs operated by Yolo County.
18. Support legislation and funding to address needs of high-risk families, including perinatal services.
19. Support legislation that would require the state maximum State Supplementary Payment (SSP) grant for individuals to be readjusted and increased so that the state SSP and the federal Restore Social Security Income (SSI), when combined equal 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) supplements to previous levels adjusted for cost of living. Support expansion and funding of Medi-Cal services to increase reimbursement to providers and to fund dental, vision and other services for older and disabled adults.
20. Support additional state and federal funding related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program including a realistic methodology to determine administrative burden to the City of Winters and Yolo County.
21. Support legislation and efforts to promote and implement “whole person care” and to address social determinants of health. Support flexibility in the funding of Health and Social Services to assure collaboration between programs and better overall interventions.
22. Advocate for legislation and budget action that would support and enable data integration and sharing between the State, counties, and local government agencies for the purpose of supporting seamless delivery of critical health and safety services to the public.
23. Support legislation and public/private funding to address and promote safety, health equity, including health in all policies initiatives.
24. Support adequate realigned funding for realignment programs.

25. Support legislation to continue to partner with community-based organizations to provide health and social services to the older and disabled populations.
26. Support legislation to recruit and retain health care professionals to serve targeted high-risk populations.
27. Support the provision of resources for respite care.

#### **Housing, Community, and Workforce Development**

WCoA supports regional/federal/state legislative and regulatory actions that promote local senior/disabled housing and community development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job/business growth. WCoA opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. WCoA specific principles include but not limited to:

1. Support Housing Element reform that provides a streamlined certification process and encourage flexibility in Housing Element consistency review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), for jurisdictions that have small housing allocation, limited urban services and city centered development policies.
2. Support housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families, including homeless, seniors, and disabled, such as permanent and transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs.
3. Support funding opportunities to assist the City of Winters in providing affordable housing for senior citizens, low-income, disabled, and homeless individuals.
4. Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for the City of Winters.
5. Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and link training programs to local available employment, including efforts to increase summer employment opportunities for youth, senior citizens, and disabled.
6. Support appropriate public/private resources to support safe, accessible, and affordable housing to targeted low-income seniors and disabled persons.

#### **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness**

WCoA supports regional/state/federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. WCoA opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. WCoA specific principles include:

1. Support continued and protected funding for all 2021/2022 Public Safety Realignment programs.

2. Preserve Title IV funding and obtain fiscal support from the State to implement the requirements imposed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
3. Protect funding for local public safety and health programs, including COPS, Juvenile Justice Programs, Cal-MMET, Rural Sheriffs, Booking Fees, Vertical Prosecution, and other critical programs.
4. Support efforts to secure appropriate funding for gang-related issues.
5. Support legislation that establishes a presumptive limit for driving on public roadways while under the influence of any mind-altering drug.
6. Support continued and protected public/private funding for adult probation services, to include but not limited to drug testing, reports, and supervision fees.
7. Support increased public/private funding for prevention, intervention, and victim services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse, disabled abuse, and human trafficking.
8. Support funding for fire protection of buildings that play a role in local emergency response.
9. Support efforts to improve safety of hazardous materials transported by rail, including crude by rail and enhance capacity of local emergency responders to appropriately respond to potential emergency events resulting from derailment or releases.
10. Support legislation for the availability and affordability of earthquake, domestic/wildfire fire insurance.
11. Support funding and legislation to assess and mitigate potential impacts on local communities due to climate change, and climate change caused disasters.
12. Support funding to recoup costs incurred by the District Attorney and Public Defender in the implementation of SB 1437 (Skinner), an act to amend the penal code relating to murder, which was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State in 2018.
13. Support legislation or budget to provide funding offset of City staff time and supply/resource costs to respond to on-going COVID-19 pandemic.
14. Support legislation and funding to evaluate delivery of fire protection services in unincorporated areas prone to wildfire.

### Transportation

The WSCoA supports regional/state/federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. WSCoA opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support regional/state/federal legislation and public/private budget actions which provide additional and continuing funding for local infrastructure, including but not limited to all local roads, pedestrian pathways, bridges, and transit priorities.
2. Ensure that existing transportation public/private funding streams are accessed and retained.
3. Seek funding from the Cap-and-Trade measure to pay for road maintenance including green roads and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

4. Oppose legislation and measures that seek to diminish or rescind the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.
5. Oppose legislation that could restrict the City of Winters' ability to deliver construction projects using specialized consultant, non-profit, or other public/private contract services.
6. Support public/private funding and increased access to transportation for those who are senior citizens, low income, and the disabled, who lack access to reliable and safe transportation.
7. Support legislation that facilitates public/private funding and improvements to the Highway 128 corridor including all city of Winters and Yolo County roadways and wayfarer routes.
8. Support ongoing amendments of the existing list of "Alternative Fuel(s)" to include renewable fuel sources (e.g., renewable gasoline, renewable diesel, etc.) and add these fuels to the alternative refueling infrastructure strategy.

### Veterans and Veterans Affairs

WSCoA supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans, including disabled veterans, residing in our community. The WSCoA opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans' programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. WSCoA's specific principles include:

1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to the City of Winters and Yolo County including expanded mental health services.
2. Support legislation for vital services ranging from responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, jobs, mental health), information on veterans' cemeteries and burial benefits, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local veterans and their families.
3. Support access to effective healthcare, transportation, nutrition, and housing needs.
4. Support legislative, regulatory or policy changes that would create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran's claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
5. Support legislation and public/private funding to improve existing, and construct new, local veteran's facilities.
6. Support regional/state/federal legislation to permit the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to collect data on incarcerated veterans and to give that data to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for purposes of connecting those incarcerated veterans and their families with the benefits they are still entitled to while incarcerated, as well as upon release from incarceration.
7. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veteran's behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.

8. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
9. Support legislation that would provide state income tax relief to retirement pay of military retirees. Support making permanent the recent increase in funding to California Veteran Service Officers.