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FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY THROUGH LAW

California Master Plan for Aging: **Housing**

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Senior Housing Priorities

California Master Plan: 5 Goals



GOAL ONE: Housing for All Stages & Ages

We will live where we choose as we age in communities that are age-, disability-, and dementia-friendly and climate- and disaster-ready.

TARGET: MILLIONS OF NEW HOUSING OPTIONS TO AGE WELL

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GOAL TWO: Health Reimagined

We will have access to the services we need to live at home in our communities and to optimize our health and quality of life.

TARGET: CLOSE THE EQUITY GAP IN AND INCREASE LIFE EXPECTANCY

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GOAL THREE: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation

We will have lifelong opportunities for work, volunteering, engagement, and leadership and will be protected from isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

TARGET: KEEP INCREASING LIFE SATISFACTION AS WE AGE

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GOAL FOUR: Caregiving That Works

We will be prepared for and supported through the rewards and challenges of caring for aging loved ones.

TARGET: ONE MILLION HIGH-QUALITY CAREGIVING JOBS

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GOAL FIVE: Affording Aging

We will have economic security for as long as we live.

TARGET: CLOSE THE EQUITY GAP IN AND INCREASE ELDER ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

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Goal 1: Housing for All Stages and Ages

- We will live where we choose as we age in communities that are age-, disability-, and dementia-friendly
 - Ensure older adults and people with disabilities have access to quality, affordable and accessible housing
 - Help older adults and people with disabilities stay successfully housed
 - Prevent and end senior homelessness

<https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/Goals/1/>

Affordable Housing for All

- Target: Millions of New Housing Options to Age Well
- 11+ Housing initiatives for 2021-22 to implement strategy for More Housing Options
 - Initiative #1: Identify ways to bolster production of more affordable housing
 - Initiatives are more exploratory, less concrete

Goal 5: Affording Aging

Strategy A: End Homelessness for Older Adults

Initiative 117 - Building on the success of Homekey, further develop the network of housing needed to end homelessness, prevent older and other at-risk individuals from falling into homelessness, and provide expanded supports at housing placements. (Leading Agencies: CHHS & BCSHA)

Initiative 118 - Expand older homelessness programs, such as HomeSafe (APS) and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP/SSI), to meet needs as funds allow. (Leading Agency: CHHS)

Initiative 119 - Assess IHSS plus Housing models. (Leading Agency: CHHS)

AB 695 (Arambula)

- Adult Protective Services (APS) Program provides services to older adults and certain disabled persons who are victims of *abuse, neglect, or exploitation*
- Expand the APS Program
 - Lower age eligible for services from 65 to 60
 - Provide longer term case management
- Expand HomeSafe: \$\$ for rental assistance to prevent homelessness, or to help obtain housing



Advocacy Opportunities & Strategies

Opportunities & Strategies

- ***MPA is the door, not the destination***
- Use the MPA to focus on older adult issues with local/state leaders
- Utilize fact that COVID has made these issues even more pressing
- Engage with advocates statewide
- Adopt an agency/initiative as your own
- \$\$ in the American Rescue Plan