

Older Californians Act

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On February 26, a small contingent from Contra Costa County met with legislators in Sacramento to discuss reinvesting in the Older Californians Act, which provided funding for a range of community-based services to help seniors live and age in their own homes and communities, and avoid costly nursing homes. The Act remains a California statute but was defunded in 2009.

The meetings were part of a Legislative Day organized by the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

It included a discussion on Governor Brown's budget with Michael Cohen, State Finance Director.

The contingent from Contra Costa County included **Nhang Luong**, Aging & Adult Services Senior Staff Assistant; Joan Carpenter,

District Coordinator from the Office of Supervisor John Gioia; Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn; Debbie Toth, CEO of Rehabilitation Services of Northern California; and Elaine Clark,

Executive Director of Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services.