

Master Plan for Aging Recommendation Form

Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging

Issue Statement: Multiple state agencies have touch points to aging issues. The Governor's office is well-positioned to drive system reform across the multiple agencies, while partnering with the legislature and the private sector. Without a strong voice in the Governor's office that is focused on the ongoing implementation and oversight of the Master Plan for Aging, the goals may never be realized due to lack of coordinated leadership across the public and private sectors.

MPA Framework Goal:

- **Goal 1:** Services and Supports: We will be able to live where we choose as we age and have the help we and our families need to do so.
- **Goal 2:** Livable Communities and Purpose: We will live in and be engaged in communities that are age-friendly, dementia-friendly, and disability-friendly.
- **Goal 3:** Health and Well-Being: We will maintain our health and well-being as we age.
- **Goal 4:** Economic Security and Safety: We will have economic security and be safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation throughout our lives.

Outcome: New Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging drives reform to ensure California is a place where older adults can age with dignity and independence.

Recommendation:

Cabinet-Level Leadership: Recommend that Governor Newsom appoint a Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging.

Target Population and Numbers: State policy makers, older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers.

Detailed Recommendation:

- Governor Newsom should appoint a Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging with authority to oversee Master Plan implementation, working across state agencies (e.g., Health and Human Services; Business; Housing; Transportation; Veterans Affairs; Higher Education; Labor and Workforce), in partnership with the legislature and the private sector.

Implementation:

- **State Agencies/Departments:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging will report to the Cabinet Secretary, working across agencies to oversee implementation of the Master Plan for Aging, in partnership with the Director of the California Department of Aging (new Department of Community Living).

- **State Legislature:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would maintain ongoing relationships with the legislature to identify policy issues and develop solutions related to issues facing California’s older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers.
- **Local Government:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would facilitate communication between the state and local governments in identifying policy issues and developing solutions.
- **Federal Government:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would facilitate communication between the state and the federal government in identifying policy issues and developing solutions.
- **Private Sector:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would facilitate communication between the state and private sector partners/ in identifying policy issues and developing solutions.
- **Community-Based Organizations:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would facilitate communication between the state and community-based organizations in identifying policy issues and developing solutions.
- **Philanthropy:** The Deputy Cabinet Secretary would engage with philanthropy, where appropriate, to support the state in working across multiple sectors to identify issues and commit resources for solutions.

Person-Centered Metrics: Not applicable

Evaluations:

- **Short-term (by 2020):** Appointment of Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Aging in the Governor’s Office with authority to work across agencies to implement the Master Plan, reporting on outcomes, and facilitating updates to the plan over time.

Data Sources: Not applicable

Potential Costs/Savings: Not applicable

Prioritization: High

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