



**Master Plan for Aging Five Bold Goals Virtual Summit  
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Amanda Lawrence: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the master plan for aging five bold goals virtual summits. Next slide please.

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Amanda Lawrence: Today, we will have closed captioning available at the bottom and it should be at the bottom of your screen lower right side CC button. Go ahead and click that.

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Amanda Lawrence: We have the Q and A function available at the bottom of your screen as well. So, feel free throughout this presentation to send us your questions.

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Amanda Lawrence: And we'll be recording this summit today and we will post those on our California Department of Aging YouTube channel. Our transcripts will also be available.

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Amanda Lawrence: On our CH HS agency master plan for aging page. And I'm going to go ahead and hand it off to the deputy Cabinet Secretary at the Richard Figaro a Good afternoon, Mr.

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Richard Figueroa: Ray. Welcome to be here.

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Richard Figueroa: So, just real quick. I want to just give a big shout out to

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Richard Figueroa: Chemical a way

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Richard Figueroa: And kind of the cyber little horn little hoarse voice and the kind of the all of government.

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Richard Figueroa: effort that went into creating the master plan and the stakeholder advisory committee was a wonderful

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Richard Figueroa: Opportunity to kind of hear from from a wide array of stakeholders. We then turned that information into an all of government review of both

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Richard Figueroa: The stakeholder advisory committee recommendations as well as those things that actually have bubbled up from state government during the process.

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Richard Figueroa: To to have what you had now have in front of us and master plan for aging that was then followed up by some very specific budget.

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Richard Figueroa: Elements that followed very closely on to the actual release that kind of helped further, further emphasize some of the major points and elements of the master plan.

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Richard Figueroa: And again, reflects the governor's I think the whole thing reflects the governor's seriousness and looking at looking at these issues and ways we can kind of more build it into more permanent structure of state government moving forward very much appreciate that it is really a 10 year

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Richard Figueroa: Has 10-year goals in it, but a lot of just very short term actionable items, both to budget and otherwise, and other program implementation. And again, it kind of kept off with

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Richard Figueroa: The, the proposal for kind of a new senior advisor on a on aging disability and Alzheimer's in the governor's office again kind of re emphasizing

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Richard Figueroa: Or emphasizing the focus that the governor's office is going to have on these issues moving forward. So, I know you're going to have a lot to cover today.

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Richard Figueroa: I just I just hope that you you you do take away from this that we did take this obviously very seriously. This is an issue that has long been addressed.

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Richard Figueroa: Any kind of comprehensive way and the way the master plan is constructed covers many, many different elements of state government, which then can be purchased by

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Richard Figueroa: More permanent changes, either to statute or to the state budget process. So again, my big welcome.

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Richard Figueroa: On, on behalf of the governor and and look forward to hearing the results of the summit so Kim all you take it away. Lots of things happening today.

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Richard Figueroa: Lots of covert stuff and see everything else. I'm going to, I'm going to take my my leave right now. But again, thank you all for for attending and look forward to the results. Kim.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much thing. And thank you to the governor and the entire team and the governor's office who has continued to prioritize aging before covered during covert and threw out with the just breaking news of the state's prioritization of vaccinations for 65 and over at

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Richard Figueroa: Worst and we're working on that was a little horse have been a lot of lot of talk in the last few days.

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Kim McCoy Wade: I'll do that.

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Richard Figueroa: Thank you, folks. Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So much, ladies, for one.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, yes. What a wonderful welcome and I want us to quickly get started. Welcome. Secretary, good. Good afternoon. Thank you so much. We wanted to just set the table.

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Kim McCoy Wade: For a few minutes before we jump into our conversation for the master plan for aging that we released last Wednesday. Next slide please.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We are calling this a summit at summit to talk about the five bold goals in here from the leaders and partners from all three sectors state.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Leaders stakeholders and legislators partners in this effort. I hope you can take a moment and perhaps picture your favorite summit; I've been thinking about mount Mount Diablo in the East Bay.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Where you can after lots of work to get to the top. Whether You Drive walk, bike. However, you get to the top of the summit.

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Kim McCoy Wade: You get a you get a better view; you get a different view. You get maybe a hopefully on a clear day a far-reaching view.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And that's what we're hoping to do today. We've been working hard to get to this moment. So many people. This is your plan that you have created and we're going to take this moment on this summit to look out and see what we see.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Importantly, there's lots of ways down from the summit. There's lots of ways forward.

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Kim McCoy Wade: There's lots of taken and so that's all going to be really important that we share each other's perspectives and other routes and others experience and skills and put that together to chart the way forward. Next slide please.

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Kim McCoy Wade: You'll know the format of the day. It's kind of like an open house for a variety of reasons, we're going to go through each goal with these lightning round panels.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But also, just want to acknowledge the day, once again, we are here in a day. That is historic.

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Kim McCoy Wade: For our democracy and for racial justice that is historic in our fight against code and saving racing to save older California lives. And so, we know people have a lot going on.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And of course, our own physical health, mental health, our families and friends are up first and foremost on everyone's mind so come as you can come as you are stay as long as you can, it'll also be recorded.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We thought it was so important to convene but want it to be a space that that works for you and that is supportive. So here we are together but truly, it's an open house.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, before I do a little quick level set on master plan for aging on the new framework we rolled out. I do want to start with where we are, which of course is Cofidis. Next slide please.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So that is with the administration's first priority is vaccines and as you just heard, that is where the governor's office in our secretary and and frankly all hands-on deck as the governor says an older adults were

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Kim McCoy Wade: just announced formally as a state priority today for one be moments ago. I've already seen.

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Kim McCoy Wade: counties across the state Sacramento Orange County Contra Costa and more rolling out how to information so

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Kim McCoy Wade: Look for that information from your health plan and health provider if you have one from your county public health, but we do want to make sure

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Kim McCoy Wade: That you can access the free and safe vaccines. Help your friends and family. So, that of course is job one

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Kim McCoy Wade: Second, even after that first dose of vaccine. We are all still staying home to stay safe and stay connected and we want to make sure everybody has

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Kim McCoy Wade: These resources. These are resources that have been mailed out by AARP and DMV and the medical program. We put them on the radio on Facebook.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We put them on social media, but I just want to take a moment and lift up to, to make sure everybody has them one is our state aging information line if you are looking to connect

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Kim McCoy Wade: To aging an independent services in your community, you can always call 1-800-510-2020 whether you're looking for meals caregiver support respite. The aging services are there for you 24 seven

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Kim McCoy Wade: And of course, our service that we expanded during coven the friendship line, California.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Again, looking for some conversation a chat about something small, big, there is no conversation too small or too big for friendship line California available in English and Spanish at this point 1-888-670-1360 they are really waiting to hear from you, please reach out at any time.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Okay so coven not only making us focus on vaccines and of course services and surrounding our older adults with all the support they need

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Kim McCoy Wade: But next slide also making the master plan for aging work all the more urgent and the words of our incoming President, we must build back better

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Kim McCoy Wade: We must be use this as our secretary galley says as an accelerant of the change that we know was needed. So

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Kim McCoy Wade: With that sign of hope the master plan for aging was released.

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Kim McCoy Wade: It is a framework. It is something that we will all need to build out together. There will, I hope everybody can see themselves in it, but I'm sure we're also seeing gaps.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And things we would change and build upon, and that's what it's supposed to be a flexible framework. So, as you see on this slide.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We started in June 2019 with the governor's commitment based in data, data for a change in California.

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Kim McCoy Wade: A couple key slides. First of all, how more of us we're living longer, and California has some of the light longest life expectancy in the US, tragically, this number will be impacted.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Particularly among black and Latino and some API families by the terrible, terrible toll of coven but life expectancy is

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Kim McCoy Wade: Overall, and we will commit to return to increasing for California.

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Kim McCoy Wade: This next slide shows also an important demographic is that that increasing longevity is also changing the mix of our families, and our communities in our state so that more of the population is older, a real shift from 2010

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Kim McCoy Wade: So that we need to make sure our families and communities work for people of all ages across the lifespan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And again, not just at 6070 8090 and even 100 and the third slide will just show is the aging demographic just like all of California.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Is changing racially with greater racial and ethnic diversity and that brings so much cultural resources and different cultural traditions around aging, but also legacies of racial discrimination and health disparities.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That that can be cumulative and aging and that we need to remedy, so lots about aging is changing in California is changing, given that data. What did we do? Next slide please.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We together we engaged as the campaign unprecedented public participation in a state stakeholder process stakeholder engagement through an advisory committee that produce more than 800 recommendations and multiple work groups.

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Kim McCoy Wade: On research long term services equity and more community roundtables with legislators, beginning in person in Bakersfield, and ending virtually and humbled.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, thank you to the legislature for those continued commitment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We also have to do enormous thanks to our former first lady Maria Shriver, who led the groundbreaking Task Force on Alzheimer's prevention and preparedness with 10 bold recommendations that informed the plan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And then a cabinet work. Work Group, which I'm very pleased to say ended up being an all-cabinet workers all 10 cabinet members were all in recognizing that AJ has implications for every part of state government.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, what did we end up with five bold goals for 2013 and our 10 year vision. And that's what we're going to focus on today hearing from the experts housing for all ages and stages health reimaged

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Kim McCoy Wade: Goal three is our inclusion and equity not isolation go for caregiving that works and go five affording aging. I'm going to show you a real busy slide. Next.

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Kim McCoy Wade: underneath those five goals are 23 strategies. I hope everyone can see themselves in there, whether it's work on transportation to get us beyond cars for both climate and Aging and Disability reasons or whether it's a geriatric workforce, we need more

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Kim McCoy Wade: Healthcare workers who know all about geriatrics as more of us that's more likely who they'll be seeing is people with geriatric health needs. So, lots of strategies beyond these goals.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But as fig said we didn't just want to do a 10-year visionary document, although of course that vision is critical. Next slide.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We also wanted to get to work. And so, we laid out 100 plus initiatives that the new some administration can commit to for the next two years.

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Kim McCoy Wade: I don't have to tell anyone on this call. It's a critical next two years, we've got the legislature back. We've got the news of administration. We have a new federal partnership.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We've got two years to really lay some critical groundwork for a transformation in aging.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And so, to make sure it's not top down. We've got a local playbook. Nothing in California happens without leadership from our communities and deep partnership between cities, counties,

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Kim McCoy Wade: In the state nonprofits and government and private sector. So local playbook will help to engage us all in this transformation.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And last but not least, we want to be held accountable, we want to measure our progress and we want you to measure your progress with the data dashboard.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much to our partners at the Department of Public Health. Let's get healthy campaign for their expertise expertise in collaboration

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Kim McCoy Wade: And building a data driven dashboard, they're the first to say one point O already planning the first updates for very soon.

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Kim McCoy Wade: To try to really measure our progress as a state, but also by place by race, by gender. But all the matters that drive equity. So, we truly can become a California for all ages.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That was a whirlwind tour of the master plan for aging. But now we really want to get into the policies and the partnerships.

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Kim McCoy Wade: On the programs that are going to drive that change with some of our states and frankly nation's most dynamic leaders, the first conversation we're going to have his goal one housing for all ages and stages.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Reflecting that person centered view of wanting all of us wanting to be able to live where we choose as we age in communities that are age, disability and dementia friendly and climate and disaster ready and we have a target of millions of new housing options to age well

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Kim McCoy Wade: To join us in this conversation about where we go from here is our Secretary of Housing Lord is customer Ramirez secretary of business consumer services and housing agency, forgive me.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Centered Scott Wiener is hoping to join us as well. Although, lots of people schedule is incredibly fluid today, so bear with us as we all come together, and we're delighted to be joined by the associate state director from a RP roughing is area as well welcome to all of you.

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Rafi Nazarian: Thank you.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Thank you so much.

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Kim McCoy Wade: In an effort to keep and I'll I'm sure our team will let us know and Senator winners able to join us and we'll fill them right in

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Kim McCoy Wade: In an effort to make this conversation as lively as possible. Our team has put together this concept of a lightning round and we're going to ask you to do three rounds of questions.

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Kim McCoy Wade: First, the 10 year the bold goal, the moonshot about millions new units of housing in communities that are age friendly disability and dementia friendly.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Then we're going to turn to. Okay. How about the next two years, what's what's on your list for what can we get done next two years.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And then last, we want to ask, we're going to kind of borrow a little bit from the presidential moment and say, What's your first hundred days with the master plan. What are you going to do to get started?

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, with that Secretary, I'd like to start with you and ask you about the bold goal of millions new house housing for all ages and stages with lots of new affordable housing options created Secretary

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Yes. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you. Kim so much. I hope you can hear me.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: But okay, thank you so much for the invitation and just want to recognize the wonderful work of the Department of Aging.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And the Health and Human Services Agency, led by Secretary Galley and of course the leadership of Governor Newsome in advancing this very important roadmap and

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: This, you know, bold master plan that speaks to the importance of making sure that we are doing everything possible to ensure that as we age.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: From a housing perspective that we have the ability to to to make decisions based on choices that are available. And so, from a housing perspective, we have been very involved in engage

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: In helping to ensure that our efforts to preserve housing affordability and to expand affordable housing across the state are will integrated into this overall master plan.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: The agency that I have the the honor of leading is responsible for the coordination frankly of housing across the spectrum.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: From addressing the need to expand housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness to also promoting homeownership in making sure that homeowners that are

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: In their homes and choose to stay have the ability to do so and so we look forward to advancing and accelerating, quite frankly, our efforts, particularly in the area of affordable housing, you know, even prior to the Kobe.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Pandemic and the economic impact that that has had on households across the state of California. As many of you know

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Was already experiencing a housing crisis and the housing crisis that was largely a result of not having enough affordable housing.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: So, a primary goal for us will be to work together with local communities to expand the supply affordable housing and I'm, you know, I'm very excited and encouraged by

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: The war.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: That is happening currently in terms of building more units, but also what is captured in the governor's 2021 22 budget that calls for additional resources.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And just the last comment that I will make a cam is very much impressed by the robust a stakeholder engagement process that was led in defining this master plan.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And I think that when we're working on these complex issues.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Particularly when it comes to housing affordability. It's important that we not just work with the housing providers that that we basically work across the spectrum.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And that's exactly. I think the the manner in which this master plans was shaped bringing you know the Cabinet Secretaries bringing in the very diverse stakeholders that care about promoting and expanding housing for all additional housing options. Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you, Secretary and I do really appreciate that that broad expansive view of

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Kim McCoy Wade: Maybe. Traditionally, people thought about quote unquote senior housing. But of course, older adults living all kinds of settings across 60 7080 9100 so really that broad inclusive view is really reflective of the diversity of the population.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Rocky, can I turn to you. How about what is a RP and your perspective on the bold view the 10-year vision for housing.

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Rafi Nazarian: Sure. Thank you so much. Director McQuaid. And it's nice to be here with you, Secretary Castro. It's an honor to be here today representing a RP 3.3 million members.

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Rafi Nazarian: And the 53 members of a PS age friendly network of states and communities. And those are, as many of you on the zoom. Now those are California cities, counties and towns that represent over 22 million Californians. And so

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Rafi Nazarian: Overall, the big picture really during the master plan for aging process. A RP advocated for California did to join the network of age friendly states and communities.

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Rafi Nazarian: And in partnership with the CDA and the state, we think that that framework over the next 10 years will really add value to the state and really bring that aging lens that's that's needed to be focused so that California is a great place for people, older adults and people of all ages.

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Rafi Nazarian: You know, there's so much great stuff here in the master plan. And I know, I know. Can you really that one slide that had all that's all the bullets on there. There's so much so I'll try to be brief, but really, we looked at a lot of different parts of this and you know

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Rafi Nazarian: Housing is a main focus for us at AARP. In fact, we are about to release a housing report that we've worked on for the last year called everybody needs a home.

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Rafi Nazarian: And real will really be focusing on the importance of housing for the state. We're really looking forward to working with

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Rafi Nazarian: You know, our legislators and and state departments on that and I'll get a little more into that when we get into the more granular two year

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Rafi Nazarian: Hundred-day process, as you said, but as far as 10 years out, we're really going to be looking at integration of housing and supportive services.

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Rafi Nazarian: So, you know what we see why many older Californians don't require supportive services to live independently. Many do in order to

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Rafi Nazarian: Remain out of institutions AARP California will urge policymakers over the 10-year process to encourage the coordination of housing, health services and other supports to facilitate access

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Rafi Nazarian: And efficiencies in service delivery older adults who are vulnerable particularly and those who are frail and with with low incomes.

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Rafi Nazarian: are in particular need of the services to supportive housing should promote residents autonomy.

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Rafi Nazarian: And decision making, while ensuring high quality services and consumer protection should ensure safety for consumers and encourage a

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Rafi Nazarian: Home like atmosphere and offer individualized approach so will support initiatives to expand the availability of high-quality supportive housing developments in high quality housing will also be looking at LT SS a long, long term services.

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Rafi Nazarian: Benefits and AARP will continue to work.

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Rafi Nazarian: To fully implement that LTS s public benefit.

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Rafi Nazarian: We really want to look to simplify the regulatory process. So, we'll work with state and local entities to simplify the regulatory and financing process.

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Rafi Nazarian: That slow the development of affordable housing at both the state and local level.

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Rafi Nazarian: As we all know, a range of measures has been introduced, both locally and statewide to simplify the process of developing affordable housing.

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Rafi Nazarian: And AARP has the opportunity to join forces and add data case studies and proof points that could illustrate the impact of these measures on housing for older adults and housing that allows

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Rafi Nazarian: Families to live in the same communities as their parents and grandparents.

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Rafi Nazarian: That's a really key point that I want to emphasize is that through our work with the age friendly network here in California.

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Rafi Nazarian: We hear from a lot of folks that, you know, their families, their support networks are having to leave California because they can't afford to be here.

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Rafi Nazarian: And a lot of our older adults are losing their support network. So that's something that we really want to focus on as well. And then, you know, beyond housing and, you know, other parts of the master plan.

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Rafi Nazarian: We really want to look at, you know,

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Rafi Nazarian: Under creating parks and under resourced areas at the state, you know, working with the state and local entities. We want to target new public and private Park funds.

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Rafi Nazarian: So, communities that are that are more than a 10 minute walk from a park, which I think is currently about 25% throughout the state.

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Rafi Nazarian: So that all Californians of all ages and abilities can access parks in all areas state and really under transportation beyond cars again during the NPA process.

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Rafi Nazarian: A prioritize focus on Community walkability we focused on Vision Zero active transportation

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Rafi Nazarian: Complete Streets multimodal and safe transportation options. So, we'll continue to work with the state and local governments and stakeholders on all these things as far as the greater 10 year goal.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That's wonderful. And yeah, absolutely. One of the initial commitments from the administration is to have California join a RP

state network, I believe, where's the state number seven. If I have that right, you'll correct me. Yeah.

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Rafi Nazarian: That's correct, yes.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That's, that's one of our immediate actions. But let's turn to the two years. Let's turn to this legislative cycle, our federal partners cycle. I'd love to hear what we think what you think is the priority secretary customer miras

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Yes, thank you. Kim and I just want to circle back to many of the points that

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Were mentioned by Rafi from AARP dead. We're so excited and look forward to the release of the report that you've mentioned, because I think as you were describing the importance of

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Everything from the integration of housing and services very much aligned to the commitment that we have at the state of working together, Health and Human Services and our housing entities.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: To ensure that we are advancing housing solutions that that you know, bring or that require

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: You know, for us to marry you know housing and services together within you know a housing development or to ensure that that connection exists, you know, to residents.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: That the second piece in terms of the regulatory process and looking to streamline and simplify and reduce the speed at which were able to produce affordable housing, a key priority for us.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Last year in 2020 the governor signed into law a before 34 which is focused on essentially consolidating a number of our housing programs and ensuring that we are able to to be more nimble and in

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: You know, streamlined in the funding or the housing finance of funding approach, which we know you know can add costs to to the

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Actual construction of affordable housing that is a key priority for us the implementation of a before 34 which begins to this year and

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Will result in producing what we're beginning to call sort of a consolidated super funding housing funding know far in 2022. But beyond that, you know, just that the priorities for us, as I mentioned, are to expand.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Rental affordable housing to ensure especially currently with Kobe 19 and the, the economic impact that it has had on communities across to

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: The state, you know, to ensure that we're also doing everything possible in terms of keeping families housekeeping seniors housekeeping seniors who own their homes from losing their homes so foreclosure prevention.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Also working

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Very much in terms of building on on the successes that we had in 2020 I think me. You mentioned that you know this crisis, in some ways, presented an opportunity for many of us.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: To to come together and accelerate our efforts in one, you know, key example of that was the initiative.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Hope the county initiative, which was really a collaborative effort of the state and local communities leveraging federal resources to acquire

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: motels hotels and they can buildings and rapidly, you know, convert them into permanent long-term housing.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: As a result of that effort. We were you pleased with the governor announced in late December that the state with

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Piano collaboration and partnership from local entities was able to close escrow on 94 housing projects.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: For just over 6000 new units of permanent housing for individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk for homeless and I think many folks that are gathered here also know that we're very concerned about the number of elderly or seniors that are

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Entering, you know, become beginning to experience homelessness or housing instability. And so, as we build on this home key initiative from 2020

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: We're pleased that, you know, the governor also is proposing to augment Home key with additional dollars the budget calls for 750 million dollars to

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Continue building on the success of Home key. So again, you know, a very, very much focused on doing all that we can to expand the affordable housing supply

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: To create partnerships that allow us as a state, you know, to bring together both housing and services because we recognize that certain populations.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: You know, require that level of support, you know, to be able to have to enjoy really, you know, the housing stability and that they have

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And then lastly, and in the area of working with local jurisdictions.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: We have done an incredible sort of amount of work through our Housing and Community Development Department and providing technical assistance and working closely with communities.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: As we you know book to expanding affordable housing.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Options. We are also. We also think that it's very important that we began to lean in and to hold you know communities accountable that are not stepping up and leaving their portable housing goals.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And so that there will be also emphasis on accountability and working with other jurisdictions to

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Ensure that they're also leading in the space of producing more housing options, particularly for seniors.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: low wage, you know, working

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Households and others, right, so we're excited we're ready. And, you know, just wanted, of course, acknowledge that this work is done largely by our housing community development department.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: California Housing Finance Agency also the homeless coordinating and financing Council all which fall within this agency.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That's wonderful. And I love how the connections you make to both the opportunities for older adults but how generations are connected and how families all need affordable housing the workforce all needs affordable housing.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Rafi. Can you speak to one or two specific priorities that AARP has in the space for the next couple years?

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Rafi Nazarian: Sure, so you, you mentioned California joining the age friendly network. So really, one of our main priorities is through

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Rafi Nazarian: Something that we call our strategic age friendly team, we will work with the state and provide free technical assistance to help California build out it's it's a friendly action plan.

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Rafi Nazarian: Which is you know this, the five-year process, but this will be the first two years of it and then to begin implementation of that plan. And part of that will be as I mentioned earlier in my remarks.

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Rafi Nazarian: There are 53 cities, counties towns that are already part of this. So, connecting the state with these folks who have already done a lot of this so that there's coordination and that you know that

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Rafi Nazarian: That

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Rafi Nazarian: Best practices and ideas are shared throughout with with the state and its cities and counties, again, I mentioned a report on housing that's coming out. So, over the next two years.

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Rafi Nazarian: AARP will engage in a robust advocacy campaign to advance senior housing as we remain committed to advocate for housing for all as well.

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Rafi Nazarian: will amplify the voice of older Californians in support of affordable housing issues.

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Rafi Nazarian: And we're also going to work really hard to engage a key members and others who are 50 plus to amplify their voice when it, when it comes to to housing.

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Rafi Nazarian: will really work to bolster production of more affordable housing unit.

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Rafi Nazarian: You know, working with the state legislature local leaders to identify ways to bolster production of more housing options to age well in California.

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Rafi Nazarian: You know, suburban rural, urban communities couple examples would be the creation of more accessory dwelling units.

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Rafi Nazarian: That are affordable to support aging while caregiving and affordable housing and exploring financing mechanisms and pursue other strategies to continue to prioritize the types of housing units that are not being produced.

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Rafi Nazarian: By the market and then I'll end with, you know, really working on creating a mechanism to repurpose underutilized commercial properties for affordable housing.

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Rafi Nazarian: We're seeing a lot of that around the state. And I know that Senator Caballero has introduced a bill that that we're looking at. And, you know, while the increase in e commerce.

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Rafi Nazarian: Had begun to depress the value of commercial properties, even before the pandemic, it appears that pandemic an Economic. Economic slowdowns have accelerated these trends.

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Rafi Nazarian: So empty shopping malls and occupied unoccupied motels and hotels are more available for this opportunity is the secretary mentioned project room key. So, we'll be working with the state and our legislators on those issues in the next two years.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Wonderful, and I want to welcome Senator Wiener to the conversation. Thank you so much. You're right on time. We're talking about your top housing priorities for this legislative session.

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Kim McCoy Wade: This budget cycle that help older California and of course all Californians afford have how good housing but housing and communities and supports aging. Well, so welcome and love to hear your priorities for the next two years.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Sure. Wonderful. Thank you for having me. Apologies for running a little bit behind. Um, so

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Senator Scott Wiener: Yeah, so we're I'm excited about this cycle.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Excited. We as a legislature. I think now understand far better how to operate and legislate in a pandemic. So hopefully we will not have the crazy stopping and starting that we had last year. In addition, you know, hopefully by the end of this

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Senator Scott Wiener: Legislative session. I'm hoping we will be a herd immunity and be able to be back together again.

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Senator Scott Wiener: So, I think a few things beyond I'll get to housing, but there are a number of priorities we need to really focus on when it comes to aging first reading, to really recognize the of seemingly high and growing percentage of our homeless population that who are older.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And the really unique needs of our older homeless population who are combination of people who've been homeless for a long time.

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Senator Scott Wiener: But also, tragically newly homeless people because of housing instability because of losing a job and the discrimination against the older people in the workforce.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And so forth. And just like you know we need to be mindful of the unique needs of young homeless people teenagers who are homeless transition age youth.

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Senator Scott Wiener: We need to be mindful of the needs of our older homeless population in terms of housing, but also the health issues that are just can be really horrific.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And so, as we continue to do work to shore up funding for homeless residents and create more supportive housing, we need to really focus on the needs of older homeless people access to mental health treatment, which is something that I

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Senator Scott Wiener: Is a big focus for me. We've had some very aggressive Mental Health Access

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Senator Scott Wiener: Mental treatment access legislation last year. We're about to introduce a new build a follow up on that so many people who may have

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Senator Scott Wiener: Insurance may not be able to actually get mental health treatment and and we know that even though it's when people are young, that they're most likely to first manifest

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Senator Scott Wiener: Mental health issues. These issues can really get worse and worse as people age and more challenging and especially now where so many people are isolated.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And suffering from depression and anxiety, so forth. We need to make sure people have access

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Senator Scott Wiener: To care and we're doing some work going to continue to do some work this year to increase access to CalFresh

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Senator Scott Wiener: So many seniors and people living with disabilities are food insecure, we make a way, way too ridiculously hard

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Senator Scott Wiener: To sign up for CalFresh. And so, we want to require a much easier signup process, particularly for seniors and people with disabilities. So now getting the housing.

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Senator Scott Wiener: When you look at wanting people to be able to age with dignity and gracefully housing is a critical part of that in terms of people stability.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And when we talk about people also, you know, maybe have a home and want to downsize. We need to make it possible for them to do that. And a lot of the work we're doing

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Senator Scott Wiener: Its overall we have a broken housing system in California. We are short millions of homes.

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Senator Scott Wiener: It's hurting. Everyone unless you're wealthy and so we need a dramatically increased supply of housing of every kind, whether it's an edu or subsidized housing for low income or extremely low-income people.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Just privately produce housing for our middle class because that's, you know,

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Senator Scott Wiener: 99% of people that have been market rate housing 99% of low income, California. I live in market rate housing. So, we need to build housing every variety to stabilize this very unstable situation.

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Senator Scott Wiener: And and we also, you know, for people who are aging and maybe you know need more compact walkable communities where people

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Senator Scott Wiener: Don't have to go in your car to get everywhere that you can walk around, you can walk around safely.

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Senator Scott Wiener: That is so important and so we're doing, you know, a lot of work to really facilitate more of that housing density apartment buildings condos.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Senior senior housing and so on so forth where people can live in an environment where everything is a little closer together and you can walk to the store.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Where we're in, you know, building some of these newer buildings that are more accessible and in some of the work we've done around around housing in general. One of the things that

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Senator Scott Wiener: We learned early on when disability advocates came to us and said, we like new multi-unit construction, because it is accessible. You have elevators, you have other

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Senator Scott Wiener: You have ways for people in wheelchairs to be able to enter and exit and not have to have some carry them up the hundred-year-old staircase and so

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Senator Scott Wiener: We're going to do some aggressive housing work this year. Rafi mentioned senator probably arrows bill around converting commercial

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Senator Scott Wiener: We have legislation by our leader center Atkins to legalize duplexes statewide, which is a really important move and also lots. What's you can do to duplexes

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Senator Scott Wiener: I have legislation to make it easier for cities to zone for up to 10-unit apartment buildings in the Senate bill 10 in non-sprawl areas.

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Senator Scott Wiener: We're going to be doing some other good work on as well. And of course, we need to quickly this month extend our eviction or a terrarium so that people don't get evicted during the pandemic and then we are requesting \$5 billion in the budget.

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Senator Scott Wiener: To make sure that people don't come out of the pandemic with massive rent debt. So, a lot of important housing WORK THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS YEAR AND WE WILL DO THIS YEAR. In addition to all this other needs.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much, and I really appreciate how you know housing is health and housing as food and housing as mental health and just all those connections are so core

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Kim McCoy Wade: Okay, you're going to be our first experiment with our true lightning round to wrap it up. We're going to ask you the hundred-day question. What is the one thing that you are going to make sure gets done.

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Kim McCoy Wade: In 100 days just to put you on the spot with with good, good cheer. So, I'll start with you, Secretary what's on your hundred day must do less here.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Yes.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Quickly before I go to the to the lightning round just want to acknowledge you know the senators leadership on housing and how excited and ready, we are too young to work with the legislature on

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Everything from keeping families in their homes to increasing the pace at which we're producing affordable housing and then also looking at ways to ensure that

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Housing is integrated into the fabric of the community from a housing perspective, from a transportation from a health perspective, from a transportation perspective and from an education perspective.

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: And so, in the next hundred days. Can I think what's top of mind for, for, for me and for this agency working with the governor's office is the

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Extension of at 38 which is as you notice the center mentioned a critical to ensuring that individuals that have been impacted by October 19 or not at risk of losing their housing and then

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Secondly, and connected to this is the implementation and getting those dollars from the federal government that were made available under this

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Stimulus in December, the state is projected to receive just over \$2.6 billion. And so, we're, you know, very focused on ensuring that those resources are

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Secretary Castro Ramirez: Made available as quickly as possible to to renters and to landlords that have been impacted again. But, you know, very much focused on keeping families house.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We have federal stimulus dollars coming, much smaller than that in aging, but nonetheless equal commitment to get it out to communities and families asap rocky, what's your top top must do for 100 days in a minute or less.

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Rafi Nazarian: Thanks. I just want to acknowledge senator winner. It's been a pleasure to work with him on on housing issues and your leadership on that issue is truly appreciate it.

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Rafi Nazarian: So, real quickly again enrolling in the network enrolling the statement network, we can get that done really easily. In the first hundred days.

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Rafi Nazarian: I mentioned our report. Everyone needs a home that's going to be released on January 28 and we'll, we'll share that far and wide so folks can really see what we have in there about older adults.

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Rafi Nazarian: And, you know, older does particularly experiencing a range of housing problems resulting from high housing costs inaccessible home design features and more

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Rafi Nazarian: And sort of the report will really really focus on that. And while AARP is an organization that serves adults.

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Rafi Nazarian: Ages 50 plus a large portion of our work particularly here in California. Yeah, is advocating for communities to become little for people of all ages and all abilities.

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Rafi Nazarian: And that really focuses on housing options for all. So as a state continues to go through

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Rafi Nazarian: This unprecedented housing crisis AARP California will take a more active role in developing housing policy statewide. And just a couple real quick things. And the first hundred days.

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Rafi Nazarian: One, I said we're going to be releasing a report, we're setting up meetings with key legislators and key stakeholders to explore opportunities for collaboration.

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Rafi Nazarian: Supporting increasing housing options for homeless individuals such as project Home key and as the senator mentioned will be analyzing the pack of newly introduced legislation on housing to determine which align with AARP, and what we will support.

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Kim McCoy Wade: All right, instead of a winner. You get the last word. What was on your must do list for the next hundred days or you can give it to you can give it to the crowd to what should be it all of our must do list for the next hundred days.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Sure. Well, obviously, extending the eviction moratorium and getting significant funds into a rental assistance.

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Senator Scott Wiener: Program, which both to avoid tenants having rent up but also, it's to the benefit of particularly smaller landlords, because when renters can pay their rent. That means landlords are getting income and computer mortgage and bills. Just one. And then the other is

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Senator Scott Wiener: Vaccines vaccines vaccines and I want to if you're saying 100 days. So, what's that about April 20 or they're about by April 20 we had

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Senator Scott Wiener: I'm going to curse damn well better have vaccinated, you know, everyone's 65 and older me down into my category because I'm next 50 to 64

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Senator Scott Wiener: And I want to by April 20 I want to be able to see my parents again because I haven't seen them in more than a year because of this virus. And so, we need to

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Senator Scott Wiener: And I know we will stepped up in a huge way and I am looking forward to viewing the mega mass inoculation sites over going to set up everywhere and it's just good everyone vaccinated

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much. You brought tears to my eyes, thinking about seeing my parents. So, thank you for that inspiration. We're going to hit that

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Kim McCoy Wade: Together and that actually is a perfect bridge, let me thank all of our housing panelists and turn to our health panelists, because we all know housing and healthcare are hand in hand. So, thank you so much for your time and be relative very busy historic day

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Senator Scott Wiener: I'll let you

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Kim McCoy Wade: Have again. California is so so blessed by such a

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Kim McCoy Wade: Incredible cadre of leadership that I want to welcome to as we talk about goal to health reimagined, I think my team will flash that slide up so we can just

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Kim McCoy Wade: remind ourselves of this is probably one of our most robust areas of the plan cover so many fronts. And so, we'll do our best to dive in today on health reimagined

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Kim McCoy Wade: And this is about having access to the health services, health coverage, health care, we need to live in home and in our communities.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And optimize our health in our quality of life all across the lifespan and our bold goal is to close the equity gap in and increase life expectancy for all California

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Kim McCoy Wade: Next slide please. I'm delighted today to be joined by Jason Cooper. We're so so lucky in California to have such an incredible Medicaid director and

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Kim McCoy Wade: More than that, Chief Deputy Director of health care programs JC Cooper from Department of Health Care Services assembly member and Dr. Walking around Beulah

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Kim McCoy Wade: Chair of assembly budget subcommittee on health and human services and my Altman who CEO, the health plan of San Mateo, and also a master plan for aging stakeholder advisory committee member. So, with that, if we could open

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Kim McCoy Wade: Bring all three of their windows up so we can see and hear them as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And we are going to start with our state representative JC Cooper and just welcome all the left Rafi still with us, but we'll figure that out.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We're always happy to have, the more the merrier. But JC I thank you so much for joining us and we're going to do this, we're trying this lightning round format where we're going to go around to all of you are three times.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Really first starting with that 10-year bold view moving to two years to your legislative session, both at the state and federal level. What can we get done? And then I'm going to, you know, close with that hundred-day commitment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, to start, JC. How about the big vision, our reactions thoughts on that in a couple minutes?

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Jacey Cooper: Sure. So, I think it won't surprise anyone to say that we're really excited, not only for the master plan on aging, but to use Kelly to help us leverage

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Jacey Cooper: Some success within alignment with the master plan on aging, you know, one of the main goals. There is also a 10-year roadmap and goal for medical in regards to how do we

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Jacey Cooper: Work to implement a whole system person centered approach to equitable both health and social care and really that highlights

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Jacey Cooper: The services that I think will be most beneficial for our older adults in in our programs.

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Jacey Cooper: Rolling out things like enhanced care management for people at risk of institutionalization and in lieu of services.

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Jacey Cooper: Like respite and housing wrap services when in our CFO fees and arms. So really excited about some of the not only housing opportunities, but as well as the additional wrap services for individuals in medical moving forward.

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Jacey Cooper: We also are hoping that it will help us build a roadmap to manage long term services and supports by 2027

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Jacey Cooper: That is a goal of California is to have a comprehensive home and community-based service roadmap to be able to have really

comprehensive managed long term services and supports in our medical program.

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Jacey Cooper: We're also working in the 10-year span even sooner than that to transition from our CCI program to a statewide D snip.

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Jacey Cooper: Proposal for our dual beneficiaries excited about that.

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Jacey Cooper: We're also working to build with some of the Money Follows the Person.

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Jacey Cooper: A grant dollars of medical roadmap for home and community-based services were gaps across California where the disparities that exist within that system.

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Jacey Cooper: So that we can build a multi-year strategy to really start ensuring that our beneficiaries have access to really critical services and most notably an important for our older

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Jacey Cooper: Adult and medical and then last but not least, we're really excited to, you know, as proposed in the budget, hopefully launch

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Jacey Cooper: The Office of Medicare and innovation and integration, we really think that will help

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Jacey Cooper: Um, you know, leverage a really good relationship that we have with CMS. How do we expand some of those similar opportunities?

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Jacey Cooper: On that we're seeing implemented in medical but also with our Medicare beneficiaries. How do we get an A footprint on?

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Jacey Cooper: In lieu of services or other HTTPS services and Medicare and really partner with them to figure out how we can work together on mutual benefits and options that will be better for all Californians.

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Jacey Cooper: And then last but definitely not least, you know, really important is how we look at expanding opportunities for family caregivers, I can say for myself.

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Jacey Cooper: Having recently lost my mother this summer to Alzheimer's, it is so important that we invest in all of those caregivers supports and really move the needle in that space. So, I look forward to working with you and hopefully I met the rapid fire 10 year roadmap.

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Jacey Cooper: That you're looking for there Kim.

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Kim McCoy Wade: I think you just had a record for laying out a vision for whole person health and social care across multiple payers and systems in two minutes with great smarts and heart. So, thank you so much. JC

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Kim McCoy Wade: Dr. Rainbow. She gave you a hard act to follow. But I know you can do it. I can't wait to hear your vision, Assembly Member Angela for health and aging the bold vision. What's your take?

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Joaquin Arambula: First and foremost, I just want to thank you for inviting me to participate in this panel today I have found this summit to be incredibly informative and

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Joaquin Arambula: Like the idea that it is a summit and as it is a summit, we have to acknowledge that

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Joaquin Arambula: For many of our communities. We have struggled to get to this point this vicious virus this magnifying and highlighting much of the systemic racism that has occurred through our lifetimes.

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Joaquin Arambula: As these five verses disproportionately affecting our black and brown and API and Native Hawaiian communities.

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Joaquin Arambula: We must ensure that we acknowledge recognize that and plot a path forward that is different. It is why I am so pleased that this master plan of aging is focused on equity is focusing on

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Joaquin Arambula: Us, ensuring that we can increase access and care options for all members of our communities.

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Joaquin Arambula: I would like to highlight. Much of the work as well that's been done in terms of mental health support to dealing with the isolation during this pandemic, as well as acknowledging that we have

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Joaquin Arambula: Provider shortfalls and regions of our state and need to increase the pipeline to meet the demographic changes that are coming

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Joaquin Arambula: The challenges are great before us, but the master plan of aging is an incredible document that I enjoyed reading and has a policy long guy like getting back to work and figuring out what it is we can work on and collaborate with and I'm excited to share some of those as we go forward.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much. And my Altman, you have been both a thought leader for so many years, and also on the front lines of this moment that Dr. Romulus book too so powerfully my, what's your perspective on on the vision forward.

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Maya Altman: Thank you. Kim and thank you for inviting me. I have to say I did get a home coordinate with JC on this but I

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Maya Altman: I have a similar line from similar perspectives, but I'll try to emphasize them some other things as well.

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Maya Altman: First of all, I want to say that the, particularly the health reimagined section arm I think it is. It's excellent. In terms of the breadth.

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Maya Altman: Of goals and strategies that are that are outlined there. I mean it touches on a lot, as you mentioned him, including prevention.

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Maya Altman: Multi service supports you know changes that are needed in service delivery and WORKFORCE. WORKFORCE. WORKFORCE. WORKFORCE. I mean, that is so important. And there are many other critical issues that I won't have time to get into today.

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Maya Altman: I also really like the fact that it there's something in there for all populations. It's not just medical but it's middle-income people its

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Maya Altman: People that I think for every population in California. There's something in there.

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Maya Altman: For them. What I'm most excited about, I think, are four things. First of all, the focus on leadership in the governor's office which

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Maya Altman: Which fake mentioned at the top. I think that is critically important. Secondly, the bridging health and home. I think it's a great phrase.

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Maya Altman: And really captures the importance of integrating the health and LTS s experience for a consumer

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Maya Altman: They don't just come in with needs for long term service supports or just needs for health care, but we have two different

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Maya Altman: Very separate systems for dealing with that. And so, I think getting that that main issue is a vision that's so critical for future

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Maya Altman: I also top of mind the Medicare innovation and integration offices JC said, I think there's just tremendous potential in Medicare

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Maya Altman: And for people on both medical and Medicare, as well as the Medicare only population mean. As I always follow the money.

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Maya Altman: And that's where there's a lot of money. And I think there's a lot of potential working closely with the federal government to make sure we have a more coordinated approach.

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Maya Altman: I also want to mention the universal benefit for long term services reports again for everyone, not just on people on medical

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Maya Altman: Um, there's not as much progress as we'd like to see, given the economy and all the crisis, we're facing. But I'm really encouraged to see a commitment to pursue that.

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Maya Altman: I'm I love the roadmap for LTS fastest Sj. She said that there really is going to be a focus on planning to ensure that there's a robust

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Maya Altman: menu of LTE SS services available on every single county in California Rural County urban County. Doesn't matter. Every single county

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Maya Altman: An area. The next area. I really want to touch on is nursing home, innovation, I saw something in the chat.

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Maya Altman: About nursing homes and assisted living and what a crisis or in. There's so much to do with nursing homes on in the wake of coded and there's, you know,

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Maya Altman: I could. We could spend the whole summit on that. But what I really want to bring forward is that I was really encouraged to see is that there's a stated strategy.

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Maya Altman: In the, in the master cleanser reimagined nursing home care for the long term. Specifically, how can we grow smaller and more homelike

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Maya Altman: Nursing homes, we're not going to have it overnight, but I think that is such an important goal for the long term.

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Maya Altman: And then the the promise to really undertake a concerted effort to figure out how to pay for quality-of-care job quality equity and health outcomes, good health outcomes in nursing homes.

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Maya Altman: On how to do that much more effectively than we do than we do today. And finally, a commitment to expansion of transparency of the information that we all see

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Maya Altman: On on nursing homes in California. And then the last thing I just wanted to mention was that it's not in the health reimagined section but

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Maya Altman: As there's a point out the housing and health. I mean, you know, we can't separate that two health is housing. Housing is health and

then there's a lot in in the master plan in different sections about tele health which is going to be so important for

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Maya Altman: Transforming a health care system. I guess the one thing I'm most worried about

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Maya Altman: Is really and this was a priority for the stakeholder advisory group was fixing long term care.

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Maya Altman: And health. Yes, yes, in the in the broader rice. That's I think there were a lot of pieces in the master plan, a lot of great pieces but

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Maya Altman: I still worry about the laser focus needed to really make progress on that, but something that's alluded to the state for years, and I think we have to sort of recommit to to providing solutions in that area.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Excellent segue to okay how do we get started on that in the next two years.

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Kim McCoy Wade: You know Senator we intercept the last panel; we are still in the pandemic. We have vaccine job one we have mental health issues. We have an

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Kim McCoy Wade: eviction lots lots pressing. But also, again, making the work even more urgent JC. How do you think about tackling priorities for this this two years this session, so that we look back in two years and we have moved towards that 10 year vision?

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Jacey Cooper: Yeah, so I'm kind of align my comments with kind of the 10-year comments of what we're going to do in the next year. Specifically, so the

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Jacey Cooper: Most important for us and top of mind is really working on Colleen, that will be an upfront thing on in 2021 preparing for hopefully a January 120 20 to launch

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Jacey Cooper: as proposed in the budget of enhanced care management and the in lieu of services.

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Jacey Cooper: You know we have a lot of work to do, especially because providers are going to be stretched a little thin

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Jacey Cooper: With their continued response to the public health emergency. We know that. So, we are working on comprehensive toolkits and cheat sheets and information that can help them get there faster.

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Jacey Cooper: As much as we can be brought on a new team to help us with that. And so, you will hear a lot of information coming out from DHS on enhanced care management and the various in lieu of services very critical to the work within the master plan on aging.

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Jacey Cooper: To be successful. So, we're that will be a key focus that you'll, you'll see the Department

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Jacey Cooper: Issuing guidance as soon as as mid-February, those will start flowing out in regard to those pieces and would just note the updated Kalyan proposal is on DHS website if people didn't track that through the budget release.

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Jacey Cooper: That is out there still a lot of work to do. I think the next one top of mine next two years, you know, just heard it from me is Telehealth.

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Jacey Cooper: The department will be releasing our comprehensive Telehealth proposal February 1 enjoy looking forward to those conversations around

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Jacey Cooper: Across the delivery system that includes looking at LTS s services and how we can

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Jacey Cooper: Look at Telehealth within our home and community-based services as well. So that is included and then of course proposed in the budget is remote patient monitoring.

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Jacey Cooper: Very critical for our older adults and important benefit to allow for more flexibility for people to

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Jacey Cooper: Stay in the community, just stay home and to have adequate access to a really important benefit. So, we're excited about that. And then

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Jacey Cooper: The last two for for to your outlook.

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Jacey Cooper: We as many know we'll be looking at how do we infuse quality in the way we pay for skilled nursing facilities we started this conversation in the last budget. We look forward to continuing it again this year and next year.

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Jacey Cooper: But really stepping back and thinking about from a from the Medicaid payment perspective, how do we look at Quality and outcomes in the way that we paid for skilled nursing facilities and long-term care in California.

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Jacey Cooper: And then last but not least for the next two years is standing up that office of Medicare innovation and integration, getting it going and really making some good progress.

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Jacey Cooper: With the, the new administration coming in.

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Jacey Cooper: Afford to. So that is our kind of two-year roadmap. There are other things of course on that list.

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Jacey Cooper: I'm including working to, you know, the caregiver supports into our assessments. I think all of that will be built into the construct of Kelly, but I'm excited for the next two years within the master plan objectives.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you. How about you. Assembly member ramblings you look at the session. You're you've began Monday.

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Kim McCoy Wade: What are your priorities to move forward on this agenda.

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Joaquin Arambula: I'm thank you for that and really do want to appreciate it. The administration for working collaboratively with us as a legislature. It's exciting times for us to be

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Joaquin Arambula: Working on projects like tell aim and all of the integration and improvements that we can make to the system.

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Joaquin Arambula: But I wanted to actually give you the specific improvements by number, if I could, based off the master plan of aging because I'm

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Joaquin Arambula: Wonky like that, but actually was really into 3330 640-654-5560 and 68

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Joaquin Arambula: I will go through them 33 years dealing with the federal government and long-term supportive services. It's really advocating to make sure that we receive that benefit.

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Joaquin Arambula: 36 is much closer to home, but it is what JC was talking about without a lame and make sure that in lieu of services and the enhanced care benefits.

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Joaquin Arambula: Is provided will allow us as senator Wiener said to allow our elders to age in place gracefully and I believe that should be our goal and that benefit is something that I'm quite excited for us to work on.

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Joaquin Arambula: 46 has been a passion of mine for a while, which is health for all elders, making sure that immigration status is not a prohibiting factor to caring for all Californians, and we'll be happy to continue to advocate for that.

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Joaquin Arambula: Have to deal with the pipeline and ways in which we can make improvements towards geriatric care and whether or not it's in the licensing or in the training.

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Joaquin Arambula: There are multiple ways that we can improve providers to deal with the demographic changes that are coming

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Joaquin Arambula: 60 deals with us collecting data as a system and identifying gaps that we may have and

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Joaquin Arambula: Believe it's incredibly important to see within the master plan of aging. The collection of data so we can hold ourselves accountable and really wanted to highlight that as one of the strengths of the proposal.

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Joaquin Arambula: And 68 deals with need for us to have a Copa report on our skilled nursing facilities. I think we have to take a hard look at

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Joaquin Arambula: What we can improve upon so we can help to inform other states as well and prepare for other epidemics that may come

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Joaquin Arambula: Finally, just because it's a passion of mine. I do think I would like to highlight 52 and 53 which really are dealing with the mental health crises that our elders are going through right now.

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Joaquin Arambula: If we could get federal funding for the friendship line that would be incredible. And as well as our ability to work on specific plans for suicide prevention for older adults would be

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Joaquin Arambula: A tremendous benefit for our community and a lot for us to work on in the next two years, but I'm looking forward to it. That's terrific.

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Kim McCoy Wade: My what's on your to your list.

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Maya Altman: Well, that's a hard act to follow. I don't have the numbers.

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Maya Altman: But

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Maya Altman: As JC said, I'm coming for Medicaid managed care plan, of course, the calling is is going to be our number one priority arm you know I just want to say they in lieu of services is probably the worst.

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Maya Altman: jargon in the world. So, I just want to put a little on

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Maya Altman: It's a federally defined term. And so, it's a technical term. But what that means is really

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Maya Altman: Giving plans and communities, the tools to provide services that are not your traditional medical services, services like housing services like paying for residential care facilities services like paying for

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Maya Altman: home modifications, it really my one of my main goals is to not only within our plan but working with all the plans across the state is to provide more alternatives to nursing homes. And I think these

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Maya Altman: Let's call them supplemental services are sort of a little, you know. But what that means is it really gives us the tools to make that a reality and to make a lot of progress in that area.

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Maya Altman: In to invest in our communities to make sure there are LTS s services and options available. So that is top of mind. I'm second

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Maya Altman: I don't know if I'm going to be part of the worker, but I think of the detailed roadmap bridging health and LTE SS

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Maya Altman: I hope we can get a roadmap done by the end of this year, but if not, then by sometime in 2022 so we're really know where we're going and how we're going to hit that target in 2027 data statewide benefit.

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Maya Altman: And then finally, I want to lift out one recommendation that I don't have the number for it, but it has to do with it. SAS and it has to do with

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Maya Altman: Models for care coordination for those who cannot self-direct arm because they have cognitive issues. This is all timers, or other dementia.

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Maya Altman: But that's something on. Can you say that I see on the ground, a lot with our members that are I just as members a huge need. And so, I'm really excited about working on that, on that particular initiative.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Well, thank you. And before I

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Kim McCoy Wade: My soul, my soul. Okay, getting a. Okay, before I turn the lightning round with your final thought

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Kim McCoy Wade: I want to just lift build on that dimension comment to say, as you see in the health. Well, Cal jam and DCS is leadership is

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Kim McCoy Wade: Is is the driving piece. There are pieces throughout Health and Human Services. So, we have our behavioral health Task Force at our agency that the Department of Aging was just added to so will be joining to help lift up elder

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Kim McCoy Wade: Behavioral health needs CD pH number of dementia investments prioritized by Maria schreiber's task force it in the governor's budget for the legislature is consideration on research on training on

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Kim McCoy Wade: Public education, all of that equity lens and our and our friends at OSH pen also looking at geriatric pipeline so lots and lots of work across agency on health leadership.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Okay, that gave you a moment to think about your 100-day commitment and you've heard a lot about the two years, which is really

an extraordinary list. I just want to reflect back to all of you. But let's do 100-day commitment round JC

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Jacey Cooper: Or so maybe I should add one to my list that I didn't have before is to work with me to come up with a different name than in lieu of services because we get that all the time.

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Jacey Cooper: We haven't been able to find something that fits the magnitude and importance of it but, but we'll get there. I promise we will, because in lieu of services. You're right. It's horrible.

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Jacey Cooper: So next hundred days. I'm going to stay even a little bit shorter than that is we are relaunching our kelling. So, this is a plug, we will have a webinar that will be announced shortly.

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Jacey Cooper: January 28 to just inform people around what is what changed from the proposal. What was embedded around feedback from people? What are the new dates, etc. So just really

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Jacey Cooper: Putting that information out there, we will be focusing on a lot of the things in the web services as one

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Jacey Cooper: And others that will be rolling out, so people know what to expect in the next few months from the ACS, and then another plug very specific to this area is we are also announcing our managed long term services and supports and duels work group.

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Jacey Cooper: That will be launching the initial work on February 4 registration information will be released soon so people can join us.

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Jacey Cooper: And that's really being thoughtful and thinking through with key stakeholders and partners are duels integration work specifically tied also within Kalyan so that will be my plug. I would say for the next 100 days.

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Jacey Cooper: Even a little shorter than that and, you know, DHS just really looks forward to collaborating with so many of you and the very important work.

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Jacey Cooper: Within the master plan on aging and all of the hard work that was put into doing it to improve, you know, the lives of our older adults within California. So, look forward to continued conversation.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you Assembly member Rambla

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Joaquin Arambula: Within the next hundred days now that we're back in session. And here in Sacramento. I'll have an opportunity to bring in sub one and allow us to have a conversation on many of the proposal, the administration is putting forward.

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Joaquin Arambula: I have truly grown to love the public process and to enjoy the participation from those who are on the front lines so that we can

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Joaquin Arambula: make government work more efficiently and effectively with the programs that we design. And so, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to provide some insights and

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Joaquin Arambula: To hear from the public what they think about the programs that we're developing and working on as well.

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Joaquin Arambula: Now, I would also like to just add, I think we need to push our federal administration during this time to make sure we can partner as much as we can and providing flexibilities

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Joaquin Arambula: Both to regulations, whether or not it's be a waiver to improve the delivery of services. This is a key opportunity that we have not had over the last administration and look forward to these next hundred days.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you. And I just want to, if I may take a moment to say how much we've appreciated your skill fullness at managing public hearings and this time.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And the accommodations and inclusiveness of the virtual hearings have actually in some ways been even more inclusive of older adults and people with disabilities. So, thank you for your investment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: In inclusion and hearing from the public and stakeholders. It's much appreciated by our community.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Maya.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Looks like you get the last word.

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Maya Altman: Okay um yeah i i think the idea of connecting with our federal partners in the first hundred days is incredibly important. Very good point. Um, especially since our president elected make certain commitments about during the campaign about caregiving for

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Maya Altman: Older adults and children. So, we want to make sure that we hold the federal government accountable to that. But, um, I think for the first hundred days, I have to go back to what Senator winner said

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Maya Altman: I want. We need to vaccinate our members and we have about about 40 we think about 40% of our membership falls in the high-risk category of age or underline, so that is our number one priority for the next hundred days.

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Maya Altman: But after that, I think, besides what JC said, I think it's really important to amplify the message around the around the master plan and and

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Maya Altman: create even more support. And so, I just the stakeholder advisory committee is committed continuing to meet on its own. Every week we have calls

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Maya Altman: And thinking about how we connect with the legislature and with the administration with other stakeholders organizations to keep pushing these priorities. And so, I think that'll be really important in the next hundred days as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: All right, well no shortage of action on health in the short, medium and long term. And again, it can't come soon enough, given what

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Kim McCoy Wade: The terrible experience for coming out of but we are in great hands with the leadership that we heard from today. So, thank you all for your time and attention on a busy day and we will transition to our next panel.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Equity and Inclusion not isolation.

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Kim McCoy Wade: This is a very central part of our work plan of care of our master plan, we will have lifelong opportunities for work volunteering engagement and leadership and will be protected from isolation discrimination abuse, neglect and exploitation.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And the target here is to keep increasing life satisfaction as we age. Many people on this call may already know that overall life satisfaction does increase with age.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And our goal is to keep that that vision, being a reality in California again emerging from this very, very tough time

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Kim McCoy Wade: This panel is going to be a little bit different in part because I am the state of a person will be presenting on behalf of Department of Aging and I'm thrilled to be doing so.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And in part because senator Melissa Hurtado HAD AN EMERGENCY come up and is not able to join us. So, we will get to hear more from Ed. Yeah, which I'm just delighted if we can have the switch from Maya to Ed.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Ed is the director of diversity and inclusion at the Alzheimer's Association.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And was a founding member of our equity work group that was formed a few months into the master plan for aging process when it became clear

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Kim McCoy Wade: There is no master plan on aging without equity baked in. So, he has been very important part also of our coronavirus pandemic response helping lead calls for caregivers supporting friends and family caregiving. So, with that, hopefully, we can see Ed very shortly. Wonderful.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Welcome, Ed.

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Edie Yau: They can be great to join you. Thank you for all your work on this. This is fantastic.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Well, we're going to have a little bit more of a dialogue, but we're going to stick with the same format of that 10-year vision, the two year accomplishments in our, in our hundred day resolutions.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, I'll start getting the state voice, and then we'll want to get one, as I mentioned, for you. So, the inclusion an equity.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Not isolation has a range of partners for the Department of Aging and for the aging community writ large.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But I only want to focus on just one for the kind of 10-year vision, which I think is so fundamental and foundational which is the equity baked in peace. And I think we learned from our work with the equity work group and the leadership of egos of Oreo from St. Barnabas and so many others.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That there's a number of ways we mean equity that clearly ageism is is is

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Kim McCoy Wade: Rampant in our culture. We know about it in Hollywood, but it's also been such a challenge in the code response.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And so many of the aging policy issues and we were grateful to have a town hall summit on ageism with Shireen expat in one of

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Kim McCoy Wade: Our civil rights leaders of the nation whose San Francisco county aging director, as well as the meta fund and others about the San Francisco and to ages and work.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But we also really looked at the intersection ality with aging and race, in particular, and we really need to continue to lean into that work because

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Kim McCoy Wade: Of both what we already knew about health inequities and the experiences of racism in this country, leading to different aging experiences.

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Kim McCoy Wade: As well as all the cultural resources and richness around aging traditions, but you know, you cannot speak to the moment

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Kim McCoy Wade: And the and the white supremacy, that is on our TV and in our news, moment by moment, and know that we are entering a critical moment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: To really lean in and dig into our anti-racism work, and that includes the aging. Aging community. So, I think really holding ourselves accountable on our training on our hiring on our

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Kim McCoy Wade: Recruitment for advisory committees on our peer-to-peer training of our providers and of course our service delivery to people, most in need and culturally competent ways and results are we changing people's lives.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So that is the one that I think is really underlying the 10-year vision. And of course, not just in this clip goal, but the whole plan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And we get to the, to your question, I'll speak more to some of the initiatives and try to do the numbers like assembly member Angela did but I'm just really want to focus on equity as the 10-year core offer from where we start. How about you, Ed.

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Edie Yau: Yeah. Well, I was gonna say, I mean my reaction from reading this and just seeing it was

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Edie Yau: It's visionary. I mean you sat in on these equity work group meetings and I'm so proud to have been a part of it. And we had really in-depth conversations about this how it

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Edie Yau: As you said, it really needs to be so well integrated from from the design to the planning to the implementation.

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Edie Yau: And you see that in the plan and it's across pillars which is what's really exciting or or goals. Right, so it's not

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Edie Yau: Isolated oftentimes you see it isolated only in one section or an afterthought. And this is not that case.

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Edie Yau: And I think the governor's office has taken this very seriously and and certainly I hope that our equity workgroup and

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Edie Yau: All of the people from the public who've contributed to the conversation feel that in this plan. So, the challenge has been, how do we execute this with that equity lens.

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Edie Yau: And I would highlight that. I love that there is that data dashboard, right, because we've talked so much about the need to

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Edie Yau: Keep us accountable and to measure our progress and I've played around with it. I love how interactive; it can be so people can in fact

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Edie Yau: Look at it from their local counties and see where we stand now where do we stand later in that 10 year plan. We can then look at progress. Look at where are the opportunities and where are the gaps. So that's a really great piece.

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Edie Yau: And I think you're right i mean i think about. I'm also really excited, being from the Alzheimer's Association, I would be remiss to not say I'm

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Edie Yau: thrilled that Alzheimer's is also well integrated in this plan because we know 2.3 million Californians are impacted by Alzheimer's, whether they have it themselves, or our caregiver. And so that's such an important piece.

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Edie Yau: And working with underserved communities. I think what what we're seeing also is that ice all timers, or any condition. It's not an isolated disease.

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Edie Yau: You do have to look at who they are and where they came from. And so any of those historical injustices do come to life and that's why it also brings equity to such the forefront of where we are now.

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Edie Yau: When you look at you know police brutality and you think about someone who's caring for their loved one.

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Edie Yau: African American, you know, wandering on the street. What are the risks for them may be different from our white constituent right, who's wondering with dementia? So, these all have a real interplay

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Kim McCoy Wade: Well, that's a great and profound lead into the two-year initiatives that are top of the top of mind for me.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And I was trying to keep up with something. Remember a regular do the numbers. So, I'm I'll try my best. But one of them is the elder justice Council number 93 I believe

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Kim McCoy Wade: Which is we really do believe it's time to convene state departments.

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Kim McCoy Wade: As well as our community partners and making sure that we have a coordinated elder justice Council but deeply informed by racial justice and what we know about different experiences with different systems.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And again, I often make connections to the child welfare world which there is a stage how Coordinating Council, which has done work to make sure that their work.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Is anti-racist and is culturally informed and I think we can learn from that and from other emerging work all around us. So

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Kim McCoy Wade: Elder justice Councils on my two-year list and then a number of the leadership items, you know, Department of Aging is both tasked by older americans act and by the governor's executive order to really

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Kim McCoy Wade: help grow the leaders in aging and there's so many opportunities in here 98 which is to create that one door that one door in the community.

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Kim McCoy Wade: For anyone who has a question about Aging and Disability to get more than an info and referral, but really some assessment. Some assistance with enrollment perhaps some care coordination.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But we really need to get our support local networks all across the state. We have many seated and growing now but have that be seamless statewide

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Kim McCoy Wade: One website one phone number one portal, so that it is much easier to navigate this world and then

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Kim McCoy Wade: Referring back to the work we just heard about. There are services on the other side, whether it's from Kelly more from Medicare or from the social side the community side.

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Kim McCoy Wade: That it's easy to find them and they're there when you need them. So, 98 will be a top priority in the governor's budget or at RC committee meets Friday.

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Kim McCoy Wade: To really dig in on what a statewide expansion would be. And then a couple others that are unique for California, I think, to your point about data, the university research partnership. We're so lucky in California. I saw Jaycees, I think it was USC.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Banner earlier we had members from USC, of course, luck Laura Carson send from Stanford.

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Kim McCoy Wade: David lenderman from UC Berkeley who want to partner with the state and the state has lots of data that appropriately hugged and scrubbed

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Kim McCoy Wade: Can be enormously useful to our research partners at universities to be really a global leader on aging trends and again with that equity lens. So, we're very excited to dig into. How do we form that?

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Kim McCoy Wade: World leading aging research and data partnership and then

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Kim McCoy Wade: The other one I wanted to look up, of course, is one one, which is like actually looking at ourselves.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Looking at CDA and our Area Agencies on Aging structure, which was established in 1980 THE STATE, LOCAL partnership. A 33 local areas agencies on aging and really

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Kim McCoy Wade: As we're looking to 2030 take a fresh look at our 1980 structure and see where it works.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Where we can strengthen it and where we might need to do some tuning up. And so, I think those are some of the leadership items that will be really looking to move forward. The next two years. How about you, what's on your to

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Edie Yau: Yeah, I think that's great. I think a lot of organizations are

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Edie Yau: taking a hard look at themselves aren't they and and and to see it as an opportunity right the way we've done things in the past, does not have to mean that we continue to do that in the future, there's opportunity to grow and evolve. So, I think I it's commendable. So certainly around

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Edie Yau: Equity and all timers and I don't know where this sits. It might be in that the health. So, I'm hopping

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Edie Yau: Different goals, but I think that that equity piece again when we think about all timers. I'm really excited about the component for

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Edie Yau: Looking at Alzheimer's research focused on women and people of color who are disproportionately impacted by the disease.

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Edie Yau: We know that African Americans and Latinos in particular are more impacted by Alzheimer's. So, we need to understand that more from a research point of view. Why is that, and what are some things that we can do to

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Edie Yau: Look at social determinants of health and also look at how this evolves into the health disparities, you mentioned in the previous

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Edie Yau: Segment about the education piece. And I think that's really important to around that brain health campaign understanding how that is so important and looking at that.

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Edie Yau: Hopefully we can look at the lifestyle factors or understand that piece so that we see.

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Edie Yau: A way to reduce the number of people with dementia or Alzheimer's or get them to the doctor sooner if they see the symptoms. So, all that education, whether it's a public campaign or to health care providers is really critical.

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Edie Yau: The leadership piece was also, I think, a real highlight to have someone really focus on this because you know i if you don't have someone focused on it.

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Edie Yau: And it's everyone's job. It tends to get diluted. And so, the idea of, you know, having a committed leader to look at aging and all timers that kind of a position as Senior Advisor position on this is really critical.

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Edie Yau: And and for me I think really, it's around

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Edie Yau: The one I really gravitated towards in inclusion and equity goal was really the first one, which is around the culturally and linguistically competent communication.

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Edie Yau: To older adults and people with disabilities and their families. You know, when we did that caregivers series, together with CDA

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Edie Yau: You know we offered it in English. And then we did offer it in Spanish and Chinese as well. And I think often when we're thinking about communication, you know, you think about

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Edie Yau: It's not just the translation. It's the transformation and making sure that it's culturally relevant. And likewise, even in English, thinking about health literacy, you know, so it's

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Edie Yau: Making sure that people understand in in lay terms. So that's a really important one for for the next two years for me.

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Edie Yau: And I would point out that the other piece that's really critical here in this goal is in goal three is that digital divide, because that's the one that we've certainly seen through coven

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Edie Yau: Everything is digital these days. And I was shocked to see, you know, how what percentage was something like 34% right of Californians over the age of 60 or 65 are not connected to the internet. And so, I think that's a really important piece to focus on in the next two years as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Excellent. I was just as part of our living to our leadership trying to take a moment to take questions, we've had about about dozens of questions come in and I'm trying to see a couple one I want to just

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Kim McCoy Wade: Hear from the community asking where's IHS s and the plan. And there's a couple places where of course ISS is one of California shining stars of

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Kim McCoy Wade: Health and home bridging and that health and social model, but to it specifically about it just says one the Maya mentioned earlier.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Number 65 about seeking feedback on models of care coordination for ISS participants with dementia or cognitive impairment. Is there a way to do that? That's still

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Kim McCoy Wade brings forward the best of the ISS model of of client determination and also recognizing cognitive impairment in dementia whole person needs and then another item on ISS 39

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Kim McCoy Wade: Explore the opportunities to increase stability for HSM beneficiaries through backup providers system, which again is in the governor's budget released last Friday, recognizing

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Kim McCoy Wade: Wildfire and pandemic and other you know strains that have made a backup or registry system backup providers system even more important. So at least I wanted to speak to that some other questions that have come up around data and making asking, are we going to collect data around

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Kim McCoy Wade: Different indicators, including different types of disability. And I would say yes. And it's an ongoing project. The folks who've worked for a long time.

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Kim McCoy Wade: On so G requirements, sexual orientation, gender identity, know that there's been progress and so much more is needed. And I think the same is true for many of our indicators as we pull apart race and ethnicity, and even an age.

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Edie Yau: Over six

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Kim McCoy Wade: Over 65 isn't isn't always that useful, given the diversity in age. So, I think there's, um, as I mentioned, the data dashboard is 1.0

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Kim McCoy Wade: And you will see continuous updates as more data sources are available, one that we're particularly looking forward to adding in is the new state.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Data on homelessness coming this spring so that we can have a right now, you'll see kind of those point in time counts from various communities, but really looking forward to spotlighting the work of leaders in that area. So, lots on that front. Okay, Ed. Now it's time for our

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Kim McCoy Wade: What are we going to do days commitment and I think I probably I have a little bit of the easiest one in that we commit to

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Kim McCoy Wade: Number 104 which is the master plan for aging, then the new board if you will the impact committee implementing the master plan for aging in California. Together, we do want that I heard Senator Wiener say that was about mid-April.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, we by then.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We will have named informed the this impact committee. But I also want to lift up for folks that we expect that really to be about

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Kim McCoy Wade: Holding the master plan accountable that a lot of the work is happening at the Cali more groups and at the new elder justice council and at the strategic growth Council and the Alzheimer's advisory committee and Olmsted

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Kim McCoy Wade: There are so many tables to plug in and dig in. I'd love to something miraculous of a tribute to walks. We need all advocates and wants of any stripe to come to all those tables. And so, I hope

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Kim McCoy Wade: People that will have a great and diverse group of folks to serve on impact. But also, there are so many ways to serve. So, stay tuned for more on that. But that's 100 days that we will make sure happens. How about you are eating.

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Edie Yau: Yeah, well, I will have to say that

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Edie Yau: Given Copa ending social isolation and reuniting families is front and center for us. Absolutely. So, I mean, that's really when you talk about

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Edie Yau: No matter who equity and inclusion. I mean all families are really suffering from social isolation and so as this vaccine vaccine rollout happens. And we know that long term care.

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Edie Yau: Residents and staff are priority, but also thinking about so many of the families are at home, people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers are at home. And so, making sure that that communication.

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Edie Yau: Goes out to them and that they're part of part of this process of successfully getting access to the vaccine that's a really pretty important piece.

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Edie Yau: And, and I think we have to continue to explore ways of communicating effectively with our constituents again that culturally and linguistically

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Edie Yau: Competent communication is really important. That's something that we're always looking at but that that would certainly be a forefront around around this and other things that come out related to the vaccine and coven and whatnot.

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Edie Yau: Other than that, I mean, I think that the whole master plan given so much of it.

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Edie Yau: Is connected to the work that we do at the Alzheimer's Association. We want to continue to be a partner with the state and with other agencies and entities to really

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Edie Yau: See this through. And so, I guess I would ask you as well. You know if you have any

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Edie Yau: Particular suggestions for how we get this out. This summit is great, but, you know, are there other ways that we should be working more strategically with local partners and entities to get this message out about the MPa

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Kim McCoy Wade: You know, it's a great setup to something, both of your comments make me want to say this, which is, yes, we very much want the local playbook to be a way that we can engage with

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Kim McCoy Wade: The many communities who have already joined AARP the several who have their own master plans for aging either on the whole population like San Diego and Los Angeles or

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Kim McCoy Wade: LGBT aging and San Francisco. We want to do that; we were thinking about the right time and place to do that.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But to your point, it's not a normal year. It's not a normal first hundred days and we really want to make sure that while we are not losing momentum, we are moving full steam ahead.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But that we are also acknowledging the very real work ahead to get the vaccines out and also to reunite I think was the word you used, and

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Kim McCoy Wade: There will be a logistical work and there will be emotional work on that. And so, I think that's what has been one of the challenges of the master plan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Is how we both keep going full steam ahead. The work is more urgent than ever, but also acknowledge that there's other really important work.

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Kim McCoy Wade: In our professional and personal lives going on and we need to honor and respect that and support each other in that. So that's a long way of saying, I don't know.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Ready for our leaders I you know I think as we all said it's vaccines and then there's going to be this coming out of the coven as we

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Kim McCoy Wade: Rebuild and hopefully build back better. And so, we want to be there for people at the right time in the right place with the playbook with the dashboard with new partnerships.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But I think it's still too soon to tell what exactly that looks like when that looks like. And we'll be looking to hear from all of you about when the right time and places.

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Edie Yau: There enough. Absolutely. Yeah, um,

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Edie Yau: I just lost my thought. But I appreciate that. And I think that actually the local playbook is great. And so, we should encourage people to use that

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Kim McCoy Wade: Absolutely, yeah, it will be speaking to County Welfare Directors Association tomorrow.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We have an invitation from some of the long-term services supports collaborative. So, we welcome those invitations, but we also know

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Kim McCoy Wade: That there's multiple priorities at this moment. So, and support people working on all fronts. So, and resting as well. So, in that spirit, we are actually running a little bit of time ahead of time. And we actually did want to give everybody a five-minute break.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Take a deep breath, check your email go drink the water. Check the news. There's been some news since we started, and we will return at 245 promptly for an all-star lineup.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Secretary Sue will be joining us as well as some we've ever had a dream is areas chief consultant Liz fuller Dr. Donna Benton, and of course, Kim Johnson DIRECTOR, KIM Johnson and Kevin printable after that. So more to come. Enjoy your break and we will see you in five minutes. Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We have our 512 participants listening in. So, let's jump right into goal for if it's possible, if this might be the goal that I have received the most feedback about that caregiving. It works that caregiving has been so centered and

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Kim McCoy Wade: Lifted in our plan. So, I am so eager to quickly introduce it and then hear from the three of you about before caregiving that works. We will be prepared.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We will be prepared for and supported through the rewards and challenges of caregiving for aging loved ones and one of our targets. Here are a million high quality good caregiving jobs.

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Kim McCoy Wade: But when you look at the strategies, we talked about both family caregiving. And that's family of choice, of course, family and friend caregiving as well as that paid caregiving jobs and virtual care.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Really growing area of course during the pandemic to lead us in this discussion, we have three enormously.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Brilliant and collaborative panelists that I'm grateful for each of you, especially for your time on such a historic day secretary Julie Sue secretary for the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Elizabeth fuller standing in for her boss and we're so grateful for you to do that. She committee consultant for a dream. Nazarian from Los Angeles. When the assembly committee on aging and long-term care.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And Dr. Don Benton, Director of the USC family caregiver support center and a member of well done. I think you were on every single one of the masterplan stakeholder committees.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, thank you for that the stakeholders long term services and supports research and equity, if I remember right

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, the way we've been doing this this forum is three questions. We start with a question about the big bold 10-year vision.

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Kim McCoy Wade: THAT WE MOVE TO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET DONE THIS TWO-YEAR session. We've got a two-year state session, of course, federal session two year to kind of think about

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Kim McCoy Wade: Goals and then we'll do a lightning round to finish with what are you going to get done. This next hundred days your hundred-day commitment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, with that, we'd like to start with the Secretary of course and Julie. Could you open and tell us what where you are with this vision on caregiving and what you think about is such a genius in this area, so

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Julie Su: Please take it away, gosh, thank you so much. Kim. Well, we are all following your lead as the director and having done such a tremendous job on this whole plan. So, I wanted to thank you first acknowledge you and I think my the easiest

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Julie Su: Commitment to make is that we will continue to be your partner as we roll out recommendations and try to get results to meet the challenges, but

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Julie Su: Just as a few grounding comments. I will say that you know what we knew before the pandemic has only been tragically underscored over the last 10 months, which is that quality care is dependent on quality jobs.

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Julie Su: low pay and and low-quality jobs means at least two things. One, it's difficult to attract people to this work.

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Julie Su: And to that the people who who choose it often have to work two or more jobs to make ends meet.

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Julie Su: And so, the lack of protections on the job, the lack of paid sickly, for example, has meant that people have, you know, gone to work when we would have otherwise you know the the guidance said that it was better for people not to have done so.

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Julie Su: And again, these are factors that existed before the pandemic, but their pandemic just exposed how tragically important it is to take care of the workers who take care of everybody else.

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Julie Su: And so, I'll say that a couple of things about what what what what we know. One is that that better jobs do mean better care. There was a

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Julie Su: Leading age report called making direct care work pay that said that if we were able to raise direct care worker pay to at least a living wage by 2022

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Julie Su: Then, then by 2030 again looking at the the mandate to think about 10-year goals that we would add \$3.6 million in economic output.

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Julie Su: That we would have over 51,000 new jobs and that we would save over 160 million dollars in public assistance savings. So, looking at costs holistically.

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Julie Su: I think that's a really important part of what we want to do so in terms of what we're going to do in this short patchy. I'm sorry, do we just all do open statements and then get to the questions about the next hundred days.

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Amanda Lawrence: You're on mute can

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Kim McCoy Wade: Here I am sorry mute and construction in my neighborhood. I was going to follow your lead. You're on a roll. So, go from your long term vision to how we get there, and I appreciate that.

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Julie Su: Okay, no, that's great. So, um, so definitely in terms of looking to how we reach that long term goal of understanding that there is just a deep connection between the quality of jobs and and the quality of care.

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Julie Su: I would say, you know, and also to the recommendations that were given right, which is we, how do we have highly valued high quality long term care workforce.

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Julie Su: How do we establish direct caregiver workforce development right make making sure that we're training those things really go hand in hand.

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Julie Su: One of the priorities of this administration is to really focus our workforce development on training toward quality jobs on making sure that we are investing in the high road.

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Julie Su: So, one of the ways that we're doing that in the short run in the first hundred days is working very closely.

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Julie Su: With Kim and on and on various stakeholders across the administration to bring together employers, workers and government to help identify

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Julie Su: What, how to address the most urgent needs that we have. We do believe deeply in a broad-based stakeholder engagement plan.

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Julie Su: We do think that, you know, where we have labor and management at the table together planning for the future of an industry, we

get better results we hear all of the voices. So that's a really important part of you know that we want to bring to the to the care industry also

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Julie Su: You know, again, we still have significant covert challenges. So, you know, while we are rolling out vaccines to this vulnerable population.

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Julie Su: I think it also creates more opportunity for us to think about, you know, beyond coven. What are we going to do to ensure safety, security for both the workforce and for those who are cared for?

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Julie Su: I want to also note that these efforts are very much in line with the

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Julie Su: Biden Harris administration's plan to make nursing homes and long-term care facility safe. So, the idea is that as much as we in California can continue to lead.

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Julie Su: Through our example and through our efforts, we also create more opportunities, not just here but but but in you know proof of concept and, you know, demonstrating how we how things can work in the rest of the country.

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Julie Su: The second thing, I'll just say is that we are really looking to allocate and short resources for workforce development programs.

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Julie Su: At a shared table. So really working with labor and management, the Union's the

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Julie Su: The, the care facilities to look at specific regional needs for workforce development so that you know we know that, you know, California has many regional economies and the needs of the workforce and have

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Julie Su: For caregivers and those were cared for differ from region to region. So, we want to make sure our workforce investments really match match match the need

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Julie Su: And then the last thing I'll just mention is that we're really spearheading some exploration of alternative models of direct care work and some of those were discussed

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Julie Su: brought to the table by many stakeholders but looking at how do we engage on direct care consumers and workers to look at innovative models.

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Julie Su: And again, this will put California at the forefront of in funding that's going to come out the federal government for these kinds of innovations. So, in everything from, you know, private homecare to residential care.

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Julie Su: Trying to explore different models for how we upgrade the quality of the job at the same time that we upgrade and and measure the improved quality of care. So, I'll stop there and and we do hear from my co panelists and then excited for the discussion. Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you, Liz. Can you give us a perspective from the legislature and aging Long Term Care Committee both let's do both? How about the 10-year vision and what's not. What's top of mind for this two-year session, we just started

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Liz Fuller: Well, first you know I'm a placeholder like they have at the Oscars. I mean, I'm not really a co panelist Julie Sue, but I am filling in and will do my best.

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Liz Fuller: So, caregiving is something that while I'm new to the aging space is is something that I think when you talk about

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Liz Fuller: You know, over a lifetime what caregiving needs are. They're very, very similar in how much we revere those who take care of our most vulnerable.

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Liz Fuller: Whether it's that newborn child or whether it's your beloved parent. And I think that, you know, a long-term goal for me personally is I would like to see our elders held with more reverence.

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Liz Fuller: We see it in multicultural homes. I think that we can talk about income inequality, being a reason that people live multigenerational but it's also something that you take as a part of your heart that families who wear a rubber have a reverence for those who grow older weather in

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Liz Fuller: My mother is her mother was from China, my husband's family is from Hawaii. And the way that you care for your Ohana throughout

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Liz Fuller: Life is very, very important. But I also think that we need if if we start to revere those who are growing older for the wisdom that they have

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Liz Fuller: I think that we are also it by nature starts to revere the caregivers who are taking care of them. And that's, that's something that's really lacking. And I think that

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Liz Fuller: Whether it's a family caregiver that that we're recognizing the important role that they play as an unpaid caregiver; they should have all of the access to training and tools that those who choose this as a profession.

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Liz Fuller: Because they're doing the same the same work. They're just doing it in a way that's more personal. So, I think that as we're moving and those long term goals. It's that we're recognizing the importance and

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Liz Fuller: That the important space unpaid caregivers play in our economy. We don't often talk about that we talked about how important it is for the

health and wellbeing of those they're caring for what we're not talking about how much it's saving our, our bottom line.

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Liz Fuller: But those who choose caregiving as a career. I'd like to see that there's a better pathway to advancement to better pay and and to a career that is held in high regard and is fulfilling, and I think that

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Liz Fuller: Everyone who does a caregiving role in the state right now is doing so and is is is doing so without the

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Liz Fuller: Without care for their health and wellbeing. They're, they're low paid way way they're low there have low wages, but also in how we see them in the greater economy, we're not we're not giving them the care that they deserve.

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Liz Fuller: I think that if we if we really link all of the wages that we're paying to our caregivers in in our value system.

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Liz Fuller: And that again links back to how much we value those who are growing older. And what they add to what they've added to the workforce in their lifetime. What they add to our families.

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Liz Fuller: Doing. So really, really helps.

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Liz Fuller: Us see those caregivers and value the jobs that they're doing.

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Liz Fuller: growing older and avidly requires caregiving of some type, whether it's short term or whether it's long term. And I think that if we start to add that into our greater thinking of what does it mean to grow older, at some point, I might need have a short-term caregiving need

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Liz Fuller: But but if there are other jobs, someone can have as delicious as I think a rotisserie chicken is at Costco. If the person that's doing that job is making more and has more financial security in the long run.

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Liz Fuller: Than those who are taking care of our most vulnerable, we, we have our values in a way that's that's not reflective

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Liz Fuller: I think that if we give more reverence to our caregivers their health and wellbeing, is better overall I think that we need to be looking at that in that way.

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Liz Fuller: But a bigger issue is our, our unpaid caregivers also need to feel

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Liz Fuller: That as they are workers in the workforce that they can acknowledge that they are workers in the workforce that have a caregiving responsibility and as employers.

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Liz Fuller: We recognize that we recognize those needs to be whole and to feel better, that all of our, our family is taken care of.

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Liz Fuller: That sometimes impacts, whether we're able to be present in our job from nine to five and certainly

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Liz Fuller: Working from home has showed us that we can pivot. We've had we've had to it times, it seemed like we shouldn't and

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Liz Fuller: I know in my line of work, it was, it was never something that we thought we were going to be doing. But now we must and and so I think that employers need to really recognize that honoring someone who is, who has a caregiving responsibility.

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Liz Fuller: And giving them the space to do so.

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Liz Fuller: Ultimately makes them more loyal employee employees and and happier in the long run. And I think that if we start to look at family caregiving is something that's very normal. Then it becomes something that's more accepted.

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Liz Fuller: You're going to go into really quickly what we what I think we may do

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Kim McCoy Wade: Yeah, I'm really, I'm just, I'm struck by again how cove. It really is. I think changing people's thinking experience.

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Kim McCoy Wade: As Secretary Sue said some of its not new, but some of it is being felt in new in different ways. And some of it is new. So yes, I would love to hear bills budgets opportunities.

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Liz Fuller: Well, I'm I really was interested when you just said, how we access, virtual care. I think that when we're talking about, it's very, very hard for most of us to really understand the deserts that exist in the state of California. And sometimes they can literally be just miles away.

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Liz Fuller: Just over you know the foothills some, you know, there are spaces that are literally in our backyard that our neighbors that are the same children that go to school with our children.

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Liz Fuller: Who live in a space that there's literally no access to the Internet and it's hard to imagine that they're happening near very urban spaces, but they are. I think it's hard to use.

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Liz Fuller: Older

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Liz Fuller: Older Californians as that link, but it's being discussed in every district in the state of California is how this is impacting our children.

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Liz Fuller: So, I think, you know, every age lives in every space that we don't need to create this as our own conversation we need to find ways to piggyback on a conversation that's already happening.

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Liz Fuller: And in doing so, it helps us really reframe that every policy area that we're looking at. We need to say how does this impact older Americans and people with disabilities as well.

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Liz Fuller: As this population that is hoping to impact because I think it's very, very important. I just feel like

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Liz Fuller: It's already being talked about. And it's being talked about with a population that really has a strong pole for legislators and so we just find a way to insert ourselves in that conversation, rather than trying to create a new space.

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Liz Fuller: I think that every legislator is trying to find a way to help those who are older in their districts and it's it's just really difficult right now.

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Liz Fuller: I think we feel like we have the whole year ahead of us, but it's January and what looked like what December look like it's different. Right now, so our calendar is we're moving forward. We're going to, you know, we have been encouraged to have a shorter number of bills.

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Liz Fuller: And what I was really you know what I was impressed by when I saw the master plan released last week.

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Liz Fuller: Is how it's already starting it's telling you had already laid the groundwork. This was not the first conversation that would say let's let's talk with Julie Sue and let's let's figure out a bill idea.

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Liz Fuller: You're all-in agreement when you release this these things needed to happen. So, in the next hundred days I really feel like our greatest impact is going to be in the budget.

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Liz Fuller: A lot of the things that we want to work on take money to start. They don't magically happen. They need someone to do them. They need

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Liz Fuller: Personnel year to be created state government has. It's not just money. Sometimes it's that you have to create that space for someone to work on this program.

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Liz Fuller: But it also would mean that that Donna needs to see an increase because people are keeping their loved ones at home, rather than in

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Liz Fuller: You know, there's not a pipeline right now for skilled nursing because we want to keep our elders at home.

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Liz Fuller: But how do we do that if I'm not trained to do so. And if I'm not trained to do so she needs to find a way that she needs a little bit more money this year so she can help push out that training. I want to see in the next hundred years.

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Liz Fuller: Lots and lots of folks, letting us know there is one time money. This is not going to be here forever, and its intention is to help us get through this pandemic.

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Liz Fuller: The training that may happen for unpaid family caregivers is something that doesn't mean that they're trained and magically as soon as code is over, we

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Liz Fuller: Put people in a fantastic congregate living space. It may be that this is the right choice for these folks to be home or to find ways that you'll, you'll have multiple family members care but I certainly think that

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Liz Fuller: You know, California is absolutely 100% a leader in innovation and we have science, and we have technology. And we're so proud of it. We always talk about how we lead

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Liz Fuller: But bringing it back to caregiving. The one thing that we forget to be proud of is how much human touch impacts our lives. And that's what caregiving is really about

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Liz Fuller: And I think that we need to make sure that in our budget we ensure that those who need that human touch are getting it. And that, that goes back to training that goes back to, you know, people who are doing these jobs. And that goes back to wage so that they can do this job.

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Liz Fuller: Whether part time or full time and feel that they can care for their own families and as they grow older, they'll actually have some financial stability. So, I really feel like the budgets, the place where a lot is going to happen right now.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, Dr. Benton, you've heard that you've heard the spectrum. You've heard paid caregiving family caregiving virtual care. Can you pull it together and tell us what you see, both in the 10 year and also in this two year opportunity?

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Donna Benton: And you know in listening to what everyone is saying, I am so proud of California for deciding to uplift and really spotlight caregiving

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Donna Benton: This was something, you know, California is very in a very unique position because they had spotlighted caregiving since 1984

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Donna Benton: They were the first state we are already been the first state in the nation to have a system of caregiver resource centers.

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Donna Benton: That had already that they're looking at that and I think what this master plan is really pulling together for us is it's really extending that commitment to on the issue of caregiving so that we really are.

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Donna Benton: As the jazz, generation after generation we become better prepared for really a longevity. Boom. We are all living longer.

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Donna Benton: And with this longevity, as we've already said at some point, we're going to need a caregiver. We're going to be a caregiver.

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Donna Benton: We're going to know a caregiver and that's kind of quoting Rob Rosalynn Carter. So, when we have this goal of having the caregiving that works. That means that we really are improving.

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Donna Benton: The quality of life for all of us. And because it is as Julie already said it's fundamental in our society to be a caregiver.

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Donna Benton: And I think that

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Donna Benton: For our next 10 years that as we continue to push out training and education.

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Donna Benton: That it's also important to understand the juggling the caregivers experience that they're balancing many roles and in balancing those roles over the next 10 years we have to have a comprehensive system so that they don't have to go through a maze to find what they need.

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Donna Benton: So, the more over the next 10 years, the more that we can break down the often siloed set of services that are for the care receiver, but also for the caregiver. I think the other thing that really stood out in this plan.

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Donna Benton: Is that we are we have to work on assessing and identifying caregivers, because most caregivers don't self-identify we're talking about

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Donna Benton: The caregiver, but they're not self-identifying so we have to continue in the next two years. I think that that was important.

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Donna Benton: In that move. We're going to have the ADR seas and we're going to have Alzheimer's Association. We're going to have the caregiver resource centers that will all begin to find tools that will help

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Donna Benton: People self-identify and that once we identify them, then we can get the caregiver. The need the education, the training the social support the financial support that they need so that they can continue what they want to do, which is help their family member.

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Donna Benton: And I think that that's, so this is why this 10 year plan is so important and the focus on

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Donna Benton: income opportunities that may not be there for low-income families is very is also, I think, has really

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Donna Benton: highlights the fact that we have generational approaches to caregiving

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Donna Benton: Some within low-income families, but we should not exclude those that aren't necessarily low income.

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Donna Benton: But because we don't want to perpetuate generations of people that lose income and then aren't able in the next generation to

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Donna Benton: Gather generational wealth. So, we have to look at low income families, but we also need to look at those just above because we get I know in our system.

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Donna Benton: We're that middle income people who, you know, I don't need a lot, but I just need some respite, or I just need a little help in getting the legal things together.

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Donna Benton: And they're working and because people are working often that cuts them out of a lot of services. So, we don't want to force people down into poverty into the safety net, but

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Donna Benton: Kind of shore up those holes so that they can continue on and keep the dirty longer because everyone's living longer.

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Donna Benton: And we're going to need care longer and that's why it's so great that we have a 10-year plan in the next two years. I'm really going to be working on.

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Donna Benton: what everyone else has been talking about, which is sure helping with training for the workers for the family caregivers and then later on I want to talk more about technology and and how that is going to work with caregivers, but I'll add to that at a different time.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Well, thank you all. And, you know, Donny brings to mind. One of the recommendations initiatives.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Is number eight in the housing is this model of adult family homes where the notion that an adult, a family could repeat received compensation to care for one or two adults in their home.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Which could be a family member, it could not be a family member. But to your point about different models.

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Kim McCoy Wade are expecting multimulti-generational and informal kinship care networks, but also creating

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Kim McCoy Wade: To June secretary Sue's point you know those sometimes family caregiving can be the first step on a caregiving career ladder and how do we help people build the skills build the wages build the

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Kim McCoy Wade: Benefits. Well, I'm super excited, Donna. Thank you for reminding us of the history

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Kim McCoy Wade: And Julie, for reminding us of the future with our new administration and the commitment to a caregiving agenda. I'm going to put you on the spot for your hundred-day commitment.

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Kim McCoy Wade: What are you, and we and and everyone on the phone. What are we doing in 100 days to move the caregiving agenda forward secretary? So, let's start with you.

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Julie Su: Well, I guess I'll pick up on what to call it, that's inspired me to say, one of the things in the budget and the government proposed budget is funding for something we call seed social entrepreneurs for economic development, the specific idea behind that is to create

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Julie Su: Micro grants and technical assistance for people who normally face barriers to good employment but to think creatively about how to

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Julie Su: Address income opportunities as as as as you all have said and the one thing, we expect one piece of that is going to be an innovation grant component

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Julie Su: Where we expect that there will be home care givers who will come forward and seek funding in order to establish what they're already doing right as a

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Julie Su: You know, in an entrepreneurial fashion to

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Julie Su: Get allow them to do what many are already doing again. Right. Yeah. We know this is a workforce is largely women.

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Julie Su: And women of color who just, you know, like they roll up their sleeves and do the work. And so, trying to find concrete avenues to give them some sense of that stability and support to be able to

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Julie Su: To, you know, create a foundation for themselves and and you know to advocate for themselves really for for for the income and security, other kinds of

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Julie Su: Benefits that they that they should have. So just to be very concrete about your question. That is one thing that we're going to be really focused on in the budget and then in the next hundred days.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Oh, I love bringing the entrepreneurial angle. And that's terrific. Liz. How about you, hundred days.

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Kim McCoy Wade: You can't say I'm you. I'm putting on the spot.

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Liz Fuller: Well, I just think that

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Liz Fuller: That we need to start looking that any proposals.

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Liz Fuller: That could potentially impact older Californians are people with disabilities. We are always using that lens. So, if it's a housing, Bill, I think that we need to bring to light, how this could impact this population.

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Liz Fuller: If it's technology it's bringing that up in technology if its food insecurity, we're bringing it up as to food insecurity. I think that

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Liz Fuller: One area in the budget because I'm just going to hammer that it's it's all going to happen in the budget.

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Liz Fuller: Is so many areas that impact older Californians have run and run successfully because people volunteer.

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Liz Fuller: And what we saw encoded is that volunteers were often seniors themselves. And so, an enormous part

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Liz Fuller: Of the base of what you had to run your programs with the shoestring budget, and I know Donna is a part of that we've had these conversations before in a recession you scale back these programs that primarily impact.

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Liz Fuller: That are jobs for women, you cut them back to where they barely can survive their it bears survival and then you will start to grow them.

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Liz Fuller: But then when they take 10 years to get back to pre-recession budgets, you act as though that's a big success, but code showed us we don't when you don't have the volunteer base, you have to hire people and you never had that as part of your budget before. So as this, this kind of unknown.

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Liz Fuller: Future with code. I think that we need to build back a lot of budgets that needed drivers to get food out

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Liz Fuller: Because that was never a part of it that paid for.

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Liz Fuller: food containers in in scenarios where it was Kongregate meals. Now you're you're making sure it's refrigerators, all of those things that were never apart. We have to keep those as part of the conversation in the budget and then it's just making sure that we fund, fund, fund.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you. This is good. This is a big issue in the senior community good jobs piece, the volunteer piece of family peace.

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Kim McCoy Wade: How we make sure all of those pieces are firing appropriately. So, thank you for surfacing that that has been a real challenge. A Donna, you get the last word. What's your hundred-day commitment or you can turn it on all of us, of course.

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Donna Benton: Well, actually, a commitment to work with ADD TO MAKE actually make it easier for family for the family to take paid family leave.

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Donna Benton: I think that we really need to continue to look at that system. I think we have the goal in there around caregiver assessments.

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Donna Benton: And if we're going to identify caregivers, then we have to collaborate with systems that are already in place that know how to provide the programs, the caregivers need including and access in a multiple of ways.

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Donna Benton: I think Kovac really has shown that we have this gap in the safety net and the caregiver sometimes we're not able to provide basic care needs because they were not seen as the central workers.

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Donna Benton: When 80% of the care and of people are in the home, and yet they're not prioritized for vaccines.

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Donna Benton: They're taking somebody who is an older adult and then they sit there, and they get the vaccine and then the person who has to go to the store and work and keeps going in and out of the house.

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Donna Benton: Can't get a new vaccine, so the more that we raise it as Liz said elevate the position of caregivers. So, I'm really committed to working on every goal that mentions caregivers and even those that don't in the plan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Well, thank you. On that note, I think that's absolutely right. Lindsay said it as well caregiving is really throughout. And so, I think we have

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Kim McCoy Wade: We have called the question and lift it up. But now there's so much work to do to make it real. And I'm so grateful and know we'll get there with all of you working in that direction. So, thank you very much.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We are now going to pivot to our fifth and final panel.

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Kim McCoy Wade: affording aging. This may have been the one of the first topics that I did a deep dive in. Thanks for the Commission on Aging's a wonderful panel over a year ago in Los Angeles at the LGBT Q senior center where we really looked into

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Kim McCoy Wade: Declining mobility as we age. And so today to dive into affording aging and do our three questions. I want to welcome.

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Kim McCoy Wade: My friend and my colleague DIRECTOR, KIM Johnson for the California Department of Social Services and the champion for families of all ages across the lifespan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: As well as Kevin print avail executive director of justice in aging.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Stakeholder while their slides are while their pictures are coming on, if I can ask my team to go back one slide. So, we can just spend a minute.

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Kim McCoy Wade: On Goal five before to aging, we will have economic security for as long as we live and our target is to close the equity gap, the racial equity gap in and the gender equity gap in

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Kim McCoy Wade: And increase elder economic sufficiency, the ability to afford housing and health and basic needs as as designed by UCLA. So, with that team. Can we see director Johnson and Kevin printable?

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Kim McCoy Wade: As they are coming. I will let them know. I don't know particularly director john so if you've been able to be here all day. But there has been enormous interest in homelessness and the work of project Home key and many of the other efforts that your department has led

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Kim McCoy Wade: In the code response. So, your ears may have been burning, but I think we were waiting for you to talk more about that in detail as you see fit. So, if in Kevin Welcome

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Kim McCoy Wade: We weren't given the events of the day legislative colleagues were not able to join us. But we are so grateful that you are and know you will lead us in a deep and rich conversation.

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Kim McCoy Wade: You're going to do our three-question round. And if you could, I'll start with Dr. Johnson with a response to the kind of the big 10-year approach around equity.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And economic sufficiency and looking at those strategies around elder homelessness, of course, poverty, hunger, nutrition and and weighing in on the vision will start us off would be great. Welcome.

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Kim Johnson: Yeah, thank thank you so much direction. Wait, wait. It's a pleasure to be with you all, and just want to

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Kim Johnson: Give a tremendous appreciation for all of you, you who are listening in and tuned in now and have been part of this tremendous that partnership to develop this plan and your leadership director McQuaid. It's fantastic. And so, I think my

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Kim Johnson: initial reactions to looking at the goals and strategies in this particular area is just how how great that there is alignment across areas so mentioned a few things in that space.

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Kim Johnson: In terms of really looking at ending homelessness for older adults as as hopefully everyone knows this is a huge priority for this administration in this governor

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Kim Johnson: And certainly, for the for the Secretary of Health and Human Services Agency and myself so

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Kim Johnson: It's showing up in things like project room key where during the very early stages of this public health emergency and pandemic.

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Kim Johnson: We looked at who was going to be kind of add greatest risk of severe consequences of course

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Kim Johnson: As the plan outlines. We also knew at that point that those over 50 were the fastest growing portion at those that were sheltered in communities.

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Kim Johnson: That we have disproportionate share of African American and other populations represented. So again, project room key was really thinking through

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Kim Johnson: Those that greatest risk and having a solution that was hotels and motels, which still over 10,000 individuals are supported and today.

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Kim Johnson: We have served over 23,000 individuals to date in that effort. And of course, it's not stopping at the supports and sheltering for

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Kim Johnson: The Kobe positive elder or those that are pretty as a preventative measure for those that

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Kim Johnson: Would have the greatest negative consequences, but it's also about rehousing strategies so that when these individuals are exiting

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Kim Johnson: The hotels and motels, they're, they're actually getting the case management supportive service connections and that lead to a more permanent housing solution. So that's things like project Home key.

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Kim Johnson: Where there's been an acquisition of these these sites and other sites and communities, etc. So that's

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Kim Johnson: An example of how that showing up and how we are aligned in that space of ever recommendations.

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Kim Johnson: Of course, in terms of income securities and we are a partner. And again, proud champion in California have earned income tax credit. So, what are the ways

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Kim Johnson: We, we have these phenomenal robust arrays, and our safety net programs. What are the ways that we are making those?

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Kim Johnson: Engagement and connections to those services more streamlined and easier to access and that's a huge commitment. I would also say

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Kim Johnson: In terms of that space, our alignment committed with you is to look at

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Kim Johnson: Any of these new funding streams, whether they are becoming federally or something that we're creating but we're looking at not only who is going to be served by these additional economic supports, but who is not

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Kim Johnson: And so, whereas California we have identified, like for example our immigrant elders and our disaster relief assistance for immigrant program where we've identified the population of our California residents.

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Kim Johnson: Are unable to access this relief. So, it's also looking at who's not served by some of the supports and what we can do to to address the gaps.

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Kim Johnson: In terms of protection from poverty and hunger and just want to again appreciate an effort at direct McQuaid that you lead when you were formerly of the department and our expansion of CalFresh to SSI recipients

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Kim Johnson: We have more older adults getting CalFresh than ever before, up and over 750,000 in 2020 and growing and our enrollment and CalFresh among those

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Kim Johnson: Over 60 has gone up 135% and just the past couple of years.

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Kim Johnson: And of course, that connection to CalFresh was even more essential during this public health emergency. So, it was the pathway to get connected to additional supplemental supports that the federal government provided in terms of emergency allotments. It's also

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Kim Johnson: Which is totaled up 1.8 billion across the state today, but it's also been the pathway to things like online groceries. So, we've been able to do in California was the first

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Kim Johnson: Approved here to do abt online purchasing which allowed those on CalFresh to actually use Amazon and Walmart and Safeway and will continue to grow the retailers in that project.

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Kim Johnson: To have that home delivery and allowing them to stay home and remain at home.

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Kim Johnson: And avoid exposure and coven. So again, kind of across all three of these areas. We certainly have many, many places where we're aligned. We're excited about that. I would also just obviously point out

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Kim Johnson: The overarching priority around equity around data around engagement are things that we share and hold true in terms of our values.

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Kim Johnson: I think I would just say after it's been a very rough couple of weeks for this country. And beyond that, I would just say, though, I think it's going to be

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Kim Johnson: A thought partnership. That's certainly been exemplified in this effort that's going to help you know California set us apart that we can come together as community to identify these solutions to support each other so

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Kim Johnson: really grateful to see that focus and priority areas of the plan as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Kevin

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Kevin Prindiville: This first

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Kim McCoy Wade: Reflections and response on the on the overall 10-year vision.

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Kevin Prindiville: Yeah. Well, first of all, thank you, Director of a quarter way, you must be exhausted.

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Kevin Prindiville: From all the work that went into this plan. And then at the end of a very long, but very informative summit today. So, thank you for all of your work and

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Kevin Prindiville: Director Johnson and so many of the leaders across HHS and across the cabinet and especially secretary galley and

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Kevin Prindiville: And fig and others who have been with us through this process. And I also want to thank all the stakeholders have been such incredible partners and active, engaged members through this, this whole process.

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Kevin Prindiville: And I think looking broadly at the plan, the plan. I'm very proud of it. I'm very impressed by the work that director quote wade in the cabinet did to really build a framework, which I think

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Kevin Prindiville: touches on all of the critical items that Aging and Disability advocates and service providers have talked about for years.

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Kevin Prindiville: elevates a framework that then creates a lot of opportunity for us to work in collaboration with the new system administration as well as with the legislature and with local as we've talked about, again, you know, local

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Kevin Prindiville: Cities and counties and all kinds of partners to really advanced this this new vision we have for agent in California.

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Kevin Prindiville: So, I think overall really impressed by that framework that we've created that creates these doors and openings for a lot of action now together.

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Kevin Prindiville: And really appreciate that the concept of a 1418 is elevated as one of the critical elements of. NET Framework. I think that goal, you know, is exactly right and placing it alongside these others is appropriate.

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Kevin Prindiville: I think that the goal does a nice job of balancing

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Kevin Prindiville: Something that Donna referred to that really addressing the needs of a wide variety of Californians recognizing that increasingly

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Kevin Prindiville: People that during the time that they're working are considered themselves middle class, but as they're aging. They're actually aging integrator economic insecurity and even poverty, so that the goal is inclusive of

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Kevin Prindiville: Creating more economic security for those families as well as for families that we traditionally think of as living in poverty and appreciate that the goal has specific strategies around homelessness and hunger and people living in deep poverty in California.

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Kevin Prindiville: I really also like that in that kind of preamble of the goal California owns that we're not doing well here.

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Kevin Prindiville: As Director Johnson talked about, we have high rates of homelessness among people 50 and over

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Kevin Prindiville: As the plan talks about California has the second highest rate of senior poverty in the country. So, I think we have to confront those realities and especially the role that racial inequities play

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Kevin Prindiville: In creating that dynamic and the plan does a good job of calling out that we have higher rates of poverty among

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Kevin Prindiville: Women among black Latinx native older adults because of the systemic inequities they face throughout their life.

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Kevin Prindiville: So, I think the goal does a nice job of framing us up for opportunities and action.

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Kevin Prindiville: And I think to that goal. Five is every go five and trying to reflect on elements of Goal five to pull out there's elements in all the other goals that also relate to our goal of

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Kevin Prindiville: 14 aging and create an economic security in California. So housing is obviously a critical element and the action that we take in the housing goal will be

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Kevin Prindiville: You know so important to achieving goals in a 14 aging. Similarly, in healthcare and LTS s in the goal around equity in the goal around workforce, you know all of integrating all of these goals build towards helping us achieve that goal in both five around 14 aging.

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Kevin Prindiville: So, a lot, a lot to work on. That's great. And I think some things that will be pushing, pushing forward to make even more specific you know the

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Kevin Prindiville: It's important that we set goals from here on out that really pushed us to do some things that are new and different and bigger and bolder the trend lines are very negative in this area; the trends are towards more California agent into poverty among deepening

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Kevin Prindiville: Economic inequality. Um, so we need bold goals. We need both actions to get us there. That's going to require investments.

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Kevin Prindiville: You know some of the issues in the master plan can be addressed in a variety of ways, and to help people out of poverty and homelessness and hunger requires

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Kevin Prindiville: Investment requires dollars. So, we're going to be looking for ways that we can fill this framework with even more specificity and even more investments to help us get to the big broad goals.

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Kevin Prindiville: So that's, that's

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, let's do that. Let's get

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Kim McCoy Wade: Let's get specific about the next two years, and I want to turn to director Johnson because director Johnson lead

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Kim McCoy Wade: That the child poverty effort for the department that really wasn't many ways and inspiration for this effort.

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Kim McCoy Wade: To me, and in many ways and thinking about how to lead it and listen and in significantly lead to action that effort that you lead did lead to action. The next two years. And so, I'm wondering as you think about the next two years.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Obviously, still in the pandemic, but a momentous legislative session for a state and the federal level, but also as we, as you mentioned, are in this moment of racial reckoning and racism and racial injustice and a in a crying out for justice.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And we know that our elders who are experiencing some of the deepest poverty and deepest homeless. That is one of the legacies of a lifetime of racism and racial discrimination in employment and housing, education, incarceration.

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Kim McCoy Wade: What, what are the top priorities for the next two years to really seize the moment and turn this from a vision to action. Dr. Johnson, start with you.

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Kim Johnson: Sure. And I think Kevin was alluding to this a bit too in the comments because I would say it spans kind of across this plan and not just in this area, but

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Kim Johnson: Again, when we, when we really are thinking about supports for housing. And to your point, Director

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Kim Johnson: Absolutely. What we're seeing at the at the, you know, when we look at root cause. And we think about the history of many policies over the years.

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Kim Johnson: Some places we are looking at the undoing of policy, as well as the creation of new and

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Kim Johnson: I would just say that one thing that we have certainly learned over the course of this last year is to take the

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Kim Johnson: Moments within this public health emergency to as accelerants, where can we move things forward. Where can we move the conversation forward and so?

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Kim Johnson: One thing I would just highlight is a budget proposal that we will be engaging with all of you on as we are continuing to craft the design of it, but that is focused on a 250-million-dollar investment on acquiring

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Kim Johnson: The residential care facilities for the elderly and ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES as part of that long term services and care continuum.

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Kim Johnson: Right, we have again gone back and going back to of course what we need more. But what we have built right we have in home supportive services that provide

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Kim Johnson: That that level of care and support we have, you know, at the highest-level skilled nursing facilities right and

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Kim Johnson: Our adult and senior care facilities are certainly part of that continuum to. So how can we just, just as we did in Project room key where we were thinking about, well, wait a minute. Not only do we have this need. We have

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Kim Johnson: hotels and motels vacancy across our state well here.

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Kim Johnson: We recognize that we are both losing some capacity in our adult and senior care facilities were prior to the pandemic, so

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Kim Johnson: But we also recognize there will be a change in the real estate, potentially, right. So how can we, again, similar to the home key effort really have it all in focus on acquisition capital.

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Kim Johnson: To make sure that we can have spaces and supports and good environments for our elders, as they age and those with disabilities as well so

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Kim Johnson: It's about both acquiring those facility types, but also rehabbing where we also recognize that we need some additional supports to fund that especially for those settings, who are caring for SSI recipients. Those who are

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Kim Johnson: Low income and needing that really relying on that support as a core foundation. So that is a proposal that we again will be engaging with you on as we shape, but so simply certain certainly hope we're implementing

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Kim Johnson: Over the next couple of years, and then I guess I would say, you know, more broad and hopefully this was I wasn't able to join you for the, for the first panel and the housing component but but hopefully that was there again that we are looking at

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Kim Johnson: The multitude of investments and leveraging these investments to think about, again, what kinds of housing supports. We have more broadly, especially affordable housing.

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Kim Johnson: Across the board, and again, as I mentioned, really focused on these opportunities and to rehousing to also, of course, on the economic side prevent the need for having more unsheltered individuals across our state. So that's a huge piece. I would also

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Kim Johnson: Note that over the next couple of years, we just kind of supported new and efficient ways that we are thinking about food distribution. And so obviously I just have to shout out all the food bank partners across the state who have been a tremendous

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Kim Johnson: Level of support will continue that work both on what how we can support our food banks and have many, many partners who've been working with us on that effort, but also

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Kim Johnson: How we're thinking about food distribution, more broadly, senior food boxes. It's great place. It's all of these ways in which we are ensuring that we don't have any of our elders hungry.

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Kim Johnson: At the end of the day. So again, lots. I'm saying right now we're looking at. We're currently averaging a little over 180,000 food boxes, a month.

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Kim Johnson: Across the state and that's tremendous. In the last few months, in particular, of course, during the holidays that we've seen tremendous need but that'll be a continued focus of ours, of just thinking through

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Kim Johnson: How we're really weaving and integrating these efforts, together with that common goal and objective in mind. And then the other piece, I'll, I'll highlight here.

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Kim Johnson: It's just kind of doubling down on our CalFresh outreach, including how we are very mindful and thoughtful about language access, we've been doing a lot of work in this space across the department across this administration.

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Kim Johnson: On how we are making all of our information and connection again to services, whether they be food supports housing supports or otherwise.

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Kim Johnson: How they were making those both courses. Of course, culturally competent, but actually mystically accessible. Are people able to understand what we're offering and take us up on that offer so

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Kim Johnson: Certainly, a commitment over the next couple of years to continue growing out and expanding our language access components.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Kevin, what's on your list for this two-year window.

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Kevin Prindiville: Well, I have said all that sounded fantastic and we're certainly excited to work on anything that that the administration is going to be prioritizing

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Kevin Prindiville: One of the wonderful gifts. We think this master plan rates are so much energy and activity administration and opportunities for us to engage

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Kevin Prindiville: I'm so excited to see that I ended last time I spoke by saying that we think that there's some areas where we can get even more specific about goals. And I think one of those is in the area of the equity gap. So, this goal talks about closing the equity gap and increasing economic security.

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Kevin Prindiville: And we think there's more work to do to define what we mean by that gap in which of these initiatives are really going to help not just broadly create economic security, but close that equity gap. So, we're excited by initiatives like

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Kevin Prindiville: That relate to the Cal savers and Cal able programs that call on us to do some analysis to see

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Kevin Prindiville: If we can identify an equity and take up rates in those programs and the Cali etc as well. So, I think that kind of work.

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Kevin Prindiville: We're happy to be part of that work in those programs. And then I think those same type of equity analysis could be more broadly applied.

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Kevin Prindiville: To other programs that the administration runs, whether it's some of the programs and director Johnson's per view like the CalFresh program and really excited to hear about the emphasis on language access

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Kevin Prindiville: But what else can we do to understand potential inequities in CalFresh or I just us, or in the medical program.

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Kevin Prindiville: Or and SSI an SSP. So, I think that's a place where we really want to do work in the next two years.

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Kevin Prindiville: Also, you know, a priority for us for a long time has been around increasing

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Kevin Prindiville: The state supplemental payment to SSI. So, we're excited to see that in there as initiative 129 at least opening the door for continued work there.

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Kevin Prindiville: And we're going to be working closely with California for SSI to put asks in front of the legislature and the governor and

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Kevin Prindiville: Asked should have arrived in your mailbox. While we were on the summit director Johnson and it was sent to the legislative leaders as well, asking for an increasing the SSP to be part of the Golden State stimulus.

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Kevin Prindiville: That if we're providing extra stimulus from the States right now it's in the proposal is defined by people that

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Kevin Prindiville: Are part of the colleague ITC program and we have an opportunity to also do targeted support for people on SSI.

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Kevin Prindiville: Let's get them relief that's desperately needed right now. So that's a, that's two years 100 days a next 10 minutes item that we're working on. And also, we're excited about the initiatives.

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Kevin Prindiville: Many of which Dr. Johnson touched on around it building off of Home key to really go deep.

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Kevin Prindiville: On homelessness among older adults and particularly 119 thinking about leveraging the ISS program. And we've had some success with some county partners.

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Kevin Prindiville: Doing that and we think that there's a lot to build on there and then we really like to initiative 130 which also director Johnson refer to some is kind of

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Kevin Prindiville: What can we do to double down on and rethink and organized the way that we do nutrition support for older adults and build

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Kevin Prindiville: Almost a maybe another plan. Another kind of a mini plan around nutrition. So, we're excited to be part of that we're also in these next few years going to be looking at things that we think are missing from the plan so far, where we can go deeper bolstering the elder index.

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Kevin Prindiville: As a tool for us looking at ideas around pilots for voucher programs to help older adults facing homelessness.

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Kevin Prindiville: We had a lot of ideas in the stakeholder recommendations around medical affordability and expanding Medicaid

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Kevin Prindiville: Eligibility so it will be working with a legislator and ideas around that and this legislative session, things like asset tests.

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Kevin Prindiville: expansion of Medicaid eligibility for undocumented older adults. So, we think there's a lot to do there together.

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Kevin Prindiville: And then, you know, issues that like I said at the start, that aren't in this goal area, but our initiatives and other areas that touch on

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Kevin Prindiville: On these issues here. We're going to be very involved in the work around the elder justice Council around the healthcare ideas that housing ideas and and also the leadership ideas. I think those are critical. You know, I might say that's also some hundred day

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Kevin Prindiville: Ideas, is that we do move forward with the impact Council and with the leadership in the governor's office and other places that we're really starting to

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Kevin Prindiville: You know, get those key leadership pieces in place to help defense this framework.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Okay then lots of alignment lots of energy, lots of things. I love Dr. Johnson building on what's already in place as well as moving it forward. So here comes the hundred-day commitment and your first hundred days of master plan.

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Kim McCoy Wade: What commitment. Do you want to make or do you want to ask from from the community here?

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Kim Johnson: Yeah, I'll give a little bit of both. I appreciate the invitation for both. So certainly, I would just say that again, as I mentioned, part of

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Kim Johnson: The way that we can address homelessness in California is prevention, so

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Kim Johnson: We are absolutely in the next hundred days committed to leveraging the existing resources we have home safe that supports those who have maybe

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Kim Johnson: Come through the door through the Adult Protective Services, we have housing disability and advocacy program, which is also

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Kim Johnson: That connection to SSI and SSP. So, we want to make sure we're leveraging every dollar and fund source to prevent eviction for for any of our elders along the way, and certainly we've been working with our county partners on that effort.

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Kim Johnson: And and to Kevin's point I just asked plus and thinking about the resources that in care in the workforce that I just says

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Kim Johnson: Is is providing to those that can we have actually even seen some partnership and counties with HDFS in our room key effort, for example. So, we want to make sure we're leveraging and maximizing that

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Kim Johnson: Also want to note that very good news and something that, again, you worked on director McQuaid. And your CalFresh hat. We have received

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Kim Johnson: Official official waiver at the federal level to support what I would call simplifying, it's an it's eliminating reporting requirements for households were all members are elder

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Kim Johnson: Elder or disabled, with no earned income so will be working to completely eliminate to those reporting cards called star seven. For those of you in the weeds.

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Kim Johnson: In the next few months here to make the ability to maintain the connection to CalFresh

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Kim Johnson: Easier for for our elders and would also just, of course. Note the budget proposal and that is where I'd also asked for your engagement, we will have a series of stakeholder conversations as we're looking to

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Kim Johnson: Further flush out that proposal that I mentioned related to ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND residential care facilities for the elderly.

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Kim Johnson: And then I would also just say a couple more things here is the federal transition. Obviously, that's a huge opportunity so

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Kim Johnson: Again, to your point, Kevin on the need for additional resources, the federal resources are a big part of our ability to respond in California to leverage what else we can here.

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Kim Johnson: In the state. So, we have a lot of places where we'll be looking to focus on that and also move policy that that we have in common, and are lined

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Kim Johnson: In certainly part of that is also again he ITC. So again, getting that word out or promoting a TCS one of those components.

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Kim Johnson: And of course, we also just have to continue leading through when we're talking about equity in the space, not only putting first our elders and those with disabilities. But then how does that shape.

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Kim Johnson: As we are working together on vaccinations. How does it shape access to the things that we know are critical right now in supporting again the healthiest environments and in people across our communities?  
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Kim Johnson: We want to continue to lead there and be a champion in those spaces and again will need your continued, I will continue to ask for that partnership.

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Kim Johnson: In these unprecedented times we have to come together and hear

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Kim Johnson: What's what the needs are on the ground and be in touch and connected in those ways to further our efforts. So really, really, again, want to lift up and applaud the effort and all of you.

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Kim Johnson: Who've been engaged in this master plan. It's been tremendous. And those of you who've gotten to know quite a bit more over the last year and

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Kim Johnson: Opportunity in crisis in terms of the ways that we work together and that we're addressing those needs. So really want to appreciate everyone for their effort in the space.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you so much. Kim and I actually think it's fitting the Kevin will get the last word here of the day.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Kevin has been a key convener of the stakeholder partnership across departments across months. And so, Kevin. What's your hundred-day commitment and then we will be joined by under Deputy Secretary Marco Meech to to wrap the day but Kevin hundred days.

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Kevin Prindiville: Yeah, and I have to confess, I'm having a particular trouble. These days, thinking, the difference between two years and 100 days it's all kind of one foot in front of the next

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Kevin Prindiville: But certainly, continuing to play a leading role in organizing stakeholders. I guess I should say that first and foremost justice an agent is very much committed to continuing to

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Kevin Prindiville: Engage advocates and others outside of the wonderful work that's happening within the administration.

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Kevin Prindiville: In order to kind of provide that expertise and the input and the push necessary to move things forward. So, we're going to be very involved there in the next hundred days and beyond.

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Kevin Prindiville: We're also very committed to engaging the Administration on a variety of these initiatives, I guess one that I would highlight in particular is working.

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Kevin Prindiville: On the elder justice Council idea we've been very involved in developing ideas there and really hope to see that get off the ground. Within the next hundred days.

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Kevin Prindiville: We're also committed in these next hundred days to engage in the legislature. So, we're helping organize a group of Aging and Disability advocates to put together.

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Kevin Prindiville: A legislative agenda, full of ideas that help push and promote the initiatives that are laid out here in this plan to the legislature can also get engaged and be involved here. So, look out within the next hundred days for

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Kevin Prindiville: Kind of a document that's summarizing a lot of initiatives that are out there for the legislators that want to be involved.

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Kevin Prindiville: In this as well and and so a lot of partnership there. And in that we're going to be pushing for this Golden State stimulus for people on on SSI.

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Kevin Prindiville: We're going to be pushing into a broader s amp D budget as we're going to be pushing for health care bills in a wide variety of other ideas that partners are bringing to the table.

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Kevin Prindiville: And then we're going to be engaged at the federal level we're hopeful that within the first hundred days of the Biden administration will see

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Kevin Prindiville: Legislation reintroduction of the SSI Restoration Act, which would help improve the SSI program at the federal level, which will also provide relief to people in California.

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Kevin Prindiville: We're working on legislation with partners that would create a mandatory benefit for home and community-based services in the Medicaid program, which would help with have some financial incentives and also help with California his efforts to provide more care at home and in the community.

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Kevin Prindiville: And so, we're going to be very engaged as a national organization, not the federal level and asked, we'd have for the administration is to really follow through in the

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Kevin Prindiville: Elements of the master plan that talk about initiatives to play a role in that federal policy making it would be tremendously influential for Governor.

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Kevin Prindiville: Governor nuisance credibility and stature and status to spend some of that political capital talking about the issues in this master plan related to caregiving and and home and community-based services and investments in social security and SSI.

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Kevin Prindiville: That's really a place where that would be powerful and influential so, so we'll be doing that pushing and we really welcome the governor's a collaboration in that as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Excellent. And I want to thank you both for all the the partnership the laser focus on equity and inclusion and also, I think both of you said the word hope so, that is welcome to hear

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Kim McCoy Wade: That we know we have some some tough times, and some hard work to build back better, but there is a lot of hopeful signs and you two are certainly a big part of that. So, thank you very, very much. I'm going to ask our wonderful team to do the

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Kim McCoy Wade: Bring our transition to our closing speaker. I'm so glad I got to hear some of that critical discussion about equity and opportunity and state and federal partnership.

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Kim McCoy Wade: And that's the one and only Marco meet deputy secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency Marco. Are you with us for for the clothes?

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Kim McCoy Wade: As you come off of mute and into the room will give you just a second.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Let's see, can you unmute Marco from your end

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Kim McCoy Wade: Maria and team, Nancy.

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CDA Tech Support 1: No, we can't. Marco. And I don't know if you're if you're with us that the mute button.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Here where I can, I can text him and I can see him. So, we're just having a technical difficulty to mark the moment here for a second.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Bear with us for just a second. He's been listening for a while.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Okay, we have a solution that will take us about 60 seconds to work so Marco as soon as you were here, start speaking wave

your arms as needed. We will go the next slide and I will let folks know a couple of next steps and trust that we will get over this as well.

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Kim McCoy Wade: So, lots of questions in the chat about next steps and we want to say the most important thing you can do is to stay

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Kim McCoy Wade: To stay engaged in the newsletter. And that's not just

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Kim McCoy Wade: We're not saying that, just to promote the newsletter. It is truly because we are co creating

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Kim McCoy Wade: And co evolving this plan with all of you, particularly in response to the covert pandemic. So, we launched the plan, we have laid out this framework, we know that budget season has begun bill season has begun federal

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Kim McCoy Wade: Inauguration session will be beginning next week. So, we wanted to lay the framework and the foundation out today and have this Roundtable.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Of leaders and advocates from all around the state to to reflect on the framework and how it can be built out and build better

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Kim McCoy Wade: But questions have come in about when will the local the local playbook piece rollout and we will be rolling that out in coming weeks and months in partnership with counties and cities and Area Agencies on Aging.

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Kim McCoy Wade: In ways that makes sense and work again given the continuing pandemic and also the urgency around this work. We've also had questions about the various

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Kim McCoy Wade: Committees, whether it's elder justice or impact and again news will be coming out around those in coming weeks and months as we as we move get that organized so there will be much more to come, and including the recording and

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Kim McCoy Wade: To this today, and all of the resources from this event will be sent out that way as well. So really, we mean it. That's our way to engage

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Kim McCoy Wade: Will be providing continuing updates on our website.

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Kim McCoy Wade: There have been improvements to accessibility, since it was launched last week and those will continue to improve will have a new version of the print document that is

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Kim McCoy Wade: Even further accessible. So, more improvements coming on accessibility and language as well. So, stay tuned there for all the latest and greatest as the master plan does move from the planning stage this

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Kim McCoy Wade: Moment of summit to the implementation stage. And with that, I want to try it again. I do see Marco me, which I believe is here.

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Marko Mijic: I can you hear me.

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Kim McCoy Wade: We can hear you. And I just gave all the logistical updates. So, you really get to do the grand finished now.

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Marko Mijic: So. Awesome. Well, thanks, and I am sorry that Dr galley is not able to join you all

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Marko Mijic: And he is very swamped with all things vaccines at the moment. And so, he sends his regrets. But I do want to take a moment.

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Marko Mijic: And just say how grateful I am to so many of you who have been part of this journey that has been over a year plus in the making. And I want to start first and foremost by saying thank you to

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Marko Mijic: All of the folks across the state who have really engaged with us and I think that when we set out to pull together the together, we engage campaign. We did not expect the outpouring of

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Marko Mijic: feedback that we received in the engagement that we received. So, first and foremost, to California is all across the state. Thank

you. I also want to extend the huge things to a number of partners and stakeholders who I think

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Marko Mijic: Really took this as an opportunity and ran with it, and many of the people who are on the master plan for aging stakeholder advisory committee.

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Marko Mijic: Your time your counsel your advice over the past year has really been heartwarming. And it's something that we at the state are unbelievably grateful for.

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Marko Mijic: Earlier I was in and out, listening to the webcast. And I think it was Maya, who said, well, we're organizing ourselves regularly. And I think that's probably Kevin print developer who's the lead organizer.

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Marko Mijic: On that front and they're meeting regularly and it just, I think, is a testament to just the dedication and commitment of the individuals that we've assembled from various walks of lives.

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Marko Mijic: To really come together to help us build what we call a California for all ages and so I am really proud of that. I also hope that you saw today.

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Marko Mijic: The breadth and depth of our response with regards to this particular topic and I think you saw it, both in how we're responding as a whole of government it. This is not just a Health and Human Services.

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Marko Mijic: Effort. You saw secretary Lord discussed Ramirez earlier talk about housing and homelessness you test a Secretary Julie Sue talk about labor issues.

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Marko Mijic: This is not an issue that's just within our agency. It's a whole of government response as directed by the governor

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Marko Mijic: More importantly, I think you also saw that this is not just a Department of Aging peace within our own agency and you just heard from

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Marko Mijic: My dear colleague and friend, Kim. Kim Johnson, see the two Kim's that's just too difficult. Kim Johnson.

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Marko Mijic: You heard from JC Cooper earlier from the Department of Health Care Services. So really, we're looking at this more holistically across our agency and I am unbelievably grateful to

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Marko Mijic: The Department of Aging and Kim McCoy Wade and her leadership we really could not have done what we've done over the course of the last year.

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Marko Mijic: Without her and the team at the Department of Aging. I am so proud to see how the Department of Aging is transforming this is just the beginning of our journey.

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Marko Mijic: We have lot more to do with all of you. And, and I do also want to take a moment to also acknowledge the legislature.

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Marko Mijic: You heard from their various members today we purposefully engaged with the legislature early in the process.

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Marko Mijic: We went into districts with them. We heard from their constituents, we heard from them. We look forward to engaging with them as we begin the process of the deliberation. With regards to the governor's budget proposal and

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Marko Mijic: All the other things that are forthcoming with regards to this particular piece. I do want to just kind of talk to the moment. And I think what

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Marko Mijic: What really is happening across the country in Washington DC is heart wrenching, to some extent, but I think this work gives us hope that we can build a more inclusive more just state together.

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Marko Mijic: And so, I think it's upon all of us to carry this mantle for the very many people that came before us, who

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Marko Mijic: Have talked about this vision for some time. I know that.

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Marko Mijic: You know friends and colleagues like Debbie tote and others who often tell me that this is something they've been working on for many, many, many years.

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Marko Mijic: And they've put their professional lives really at the focus of helping older people and I just don't want us to lose sight of the moment that we have

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Marko Mijic: I would encourage all of you to not nitpick at the little things. There might be things that you might not like as part of the master plan.

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Marko Mijic: You might not like the logo. You might not like the design, you might not like one or the recommendations, you might not be happy about, you know, all of the the accessibility issues that we came out with right away.

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Marko Mijic: But just step back for a moment and think about what we've been able together to accomplish. And so, I just would urge each of you to take a moment and realize kind of how far we've gotten

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Marko Mijic: I also want to talk about for a moment how the disability community and the aging community really have come together.

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Marko Mijic: in a profound way here. And too often these things, these, these communities have felt and work separately and the fact that we are seeing the synergy is really important.

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Marko Mijic: And I think it's imperative that you not stop that it's imperative that you think about how we think about older people and people with disabilities holistically with an equity lens all throughout it

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Marko Mijic: And so, I just think that this is the very beginning of what I believe is going to be

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Marko Mijic: Really our effort to bolster our not only government efforts but non-government efforts around how we build a more inclusive state.

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Marko Mijic: And I think we set out to do something pretty powerful. We did not want to build a master plan that sat on a shelf in Sacramento collected dust.

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Marko Mijic: We really wanted to build something that was user friendly that spoke to the challenges and the moment that

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Marko Mijic: Held us the state accountable, and more importantly, engaged all different sectors, this is not just a plan for

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Marko Mijic: State Government to implement this is a plan for all of us, whether you're in the private sector, whether you're the nonprofit sector where either whether you're in philanthropy, to really think about what role you play and I love how Kim.

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Marko Mijic: Really talked to each of you are all the panelists about, you know, what are you going to do in the next hundred days. What role are you going to play in the next hundred days. So I will close by just saying we all have

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Marko Mijic: We all have an obligation and duty, whether it's an older family member that we have an older neighbor that we have. We all our aging

ourselves. And that's partly the reason behind the idea of a California for all ages.

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Marko Mijic: We all have a duty and obligation to make a commitment over the course of the next hundred days to really take on

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Marko Mijic: The various pieces of what we've what we've done together over the past year and really move the needle on the very important topics we've discussed today.

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Marko Mijic: Just let's not get caught up in the little minutia. Let's continue to think about

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Marko Mijic: What is ahead of us. Let's continue to make sure that we work together across sectors and across disciplines to make sure that we're delivering for older Californians all across the state. So this to to us is just the very beginning, I know that this has been quite a

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Marko Mijic: difficult journey, particularly because most older Californians have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

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Marko Mijic: They have been isolated in ways that are have been an unprecedented. And so I think it's upon us all to really roll up our sleeves and now get to work. So, Kim. I'm grateful to you, I am grateful to

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Marko Mijic: All of the secretaries and department directors to the master plan for aging folks to our funders who really made this possible. We couldn't have done it without you. And I just hope that you join us in the journey that is ahead for us.

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Kim McCoy Wade: Thank you. Marco for closing our summit with those words of inspiration and equity and commitment to a California for all ages and most of all the call to action without this ends our summit. Thank you all, be safe, be well

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Kim McCoy Wade: Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. And we'll be working together very, very soon. Thank you.