

# **CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

Recognizing that the needs of the over 60 age groups are in the interests of all people, the California Legislature in 1980 created the California Senior Legislature to propose legislation to meet the needs and concerns of Older Californians.

Members of the Senior Legislature elected by their peers are cognizant of their obligation to discharge the responsibility given to them by the State Legislature, and vow to follow the path of high moral conduct and service implicit in the following code:

1. I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics
2. I accept the plural ethnicity of California Senior Legislature members, their cultural and educational variations. I will value the commitment of each as much as I do my own, and show respect to each.
3. I will show respect to the members of the State Legislature and their staff people.
4. I will work faithfully to accomplish the objectives of the California Senior Legislature.
5. I will work with the Area Agency on Aging and/or Legislative Council and other seniors in my community to develop proposals for legislation addressing their concerns.
6. I will strive to maintain the dignity of the Senior Legislature in all my speaking engagements and written articles.
7. I will be responsible for informing the public as widely as possible concerning the CSL in a positive manner.
8. I recognize and accept the administrative policies, responsibilities, and procedural concepts of the California Senior Legislature as they are enunciated in the CSL Procedures Manual and Bylaws, including the use and design of CSL business cards and stationery.
9. I promise to bring to my work with the California Senior Legislature an attitude of open-mindedness; to be willing to be trained for it; to bring to it interest and attention; and to work in support of CSL programs and priorities.
10. I will attend the annual session of the California Senior Legislature unless excused because of illness or death of a family member or other legitimate reasons.

11. I promise to conduct my campaign for office as either a Senior Senator or Senior Assemblyperson in an ethical, above-board and honest manner, in both my oral and printed campaign statements. And in no way will I mislead or deceive potential voters while campaigning. I will abide by the final election results and decision of the CSL JRC.
12. I promise not to use my office as a CSL member in any manner that reflects negatively on the high moral standards of the CSL, or negatively on any CSL member.
13. I accept and promise to comply with the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.

I have read and accept the code of ethics and intend to follow the code to the best of my ability.

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_