

# CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

### **Responsibilities of Members of the California Senior Legislature**

(Note: This is to be signed by the candidate and attached to her or his application.)

As a member of the CSL I:

1. Shall be non-partisan.
2. Shall represent the best interests of state-wide California Older Adults.
3. Shall express the major concerns of California Older Adults.
4. Shall speak for the CSL on CSL-approved issues only. Otherwise, shall identify myself as a CSL member expressing own personal views.
5. Shall use only CSL - authorized cards and stationery.
6. Shall identify myself as "Senior Senator" or "Senior Assemblymember" or "Senior Assemblywoman" or "Senior Assemblyman." If given "Emeritus" status one should identify themselves as either "Senior Senator – Emeritus" or "Senior Assemblymember/woman/man – Emeritus".
7. Shall accept the responsibility for submitting at least one proposal every two years.
8. Shall accept the responsibility for attending and participating in all meetings of the Annual Session, except when an extreme emergency arises.
9. Shall develop working relationships in my PSA (Planning and Service Area) with the Area Agency on Aging, the Advisory Council or Commission on Aging and other senior groups and caucuses; and shall routinely attend their meetings and report on CSL activities.
10. Shall develop working relationships with my State and National Legislators and their staffs, particularly with my Legislators' District's staffs.
11. Shall develop and maintain a local legislative advocacy program, keeping up a two-way communication with my constituents.
12. Shall activate letter and phone campaigns to support CSL priority proposals.
13. Shall respond to calls (Alerts) from the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) to write letters, make phone calls, and visit my State Legislators and their District offices on behalf of CSL priority issues.
14. Shall develop and carry out local public relations and publicity for goals established by the CSL.
15. Shall study the Annual Schedule of Suggested Activities and follow this schedule whenever its items are applicable to my local situation.

16. Shall maintain a professional working relationship with all members of CSL as well as with the Area Agency on Aging and the Advisory Council or Commission on Aging.
17. Shall endeavor to raise funds throughout the year in order to meet the funding needs of CSL for travel and reimbursement of expenses of the Annual General Session and for meetings..
18. Shall promote CSL fund-raising activities on a local and statewide level.

As a member of CSL I acknowledge that:

19. Failure to submit at least one original proposal in any one of two consecutive years constitutes failure to live up to this commitment.
20. **Failure to live up** to the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT and the CODE OF ETHICS is grounds for review, reprimand and possible removal from office by JRC Executive Committee action.
21. All decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.
22. There is no salary connected with this position and that lodging, meals and transportation costs will be furnished for the Annual Session, provided funds are available.
23. Lodging, meals and transportation costs may be furnished for Legislator visits ("Walk the Halls") during the course of the year provided funds are available.
24. Expenses for postage, copying, printing and telephone usage during the year are my responsibility. Transportation costs not referenced above are my responsibility as well.

To Be Signed by the Candidate:

I have read and accept responsibilities noted above and intend to follow these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Print or Type Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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