# Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee Recommendations Presented at the 2024 Day of Action

Thank you to Master Plan for Aging (MPA) stakeholders, who, through their volunteer committee processes, developed these proposed recommendations for consideration by state partners. Their work will inform development of the 2025-2026 MPA initiatives.

#### Implementing the MPA in CA Together Advisory Committee (IMPACT)

- 1. Identify funding for a statewide Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) benefit.
- 2. Build a home care system that works for all by removing policy barriers to LTSS.
- 3. Prevent and end older adult homelessness by implementing a shallow rental subsidy program for older adults and people with disabilities.

### **Equity Advisory Committee on Aging and Disability (EACAD)**

- 1. Establish an Aging & Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board (AD-LEAB) that represents the lived experience of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers from underserved communities to inform and guide the MPA initiatives.
- 2. Develop an MPA Equity Framework that is inclusive of a communications plan that outlines the six MPA committees' commitment to equity in its work.
- 3. Develop a Tribal Engagement Plan and Tribal Consultation Policy to facilitate effective culturally responsive government-to-government consultation between CDA and the MPA committees.

### **Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee** (DACLAC)

- Home and Community-Based Services: Improve access to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) through share of cost reform; <u>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Streamline Rule's</u> projected cost policy implementation; expand presumptive eligibility and prompt coverage policy for Medi-Cal to individuals needing HCBS; and create stakeholder process to provide input and guidance on Department of Health Care Service's proposed transition of HCBS into managed care delivery.
- 2. *Transportation:* Leverage two existing efforts authorized by state law through Senate Bill (SB) 1121 (2022) & SB 125 (2023) to assess and recommend funding to implement transportation accessibility improvements previously identified from state studies.
- 3. *Housing:* Improve access to affordable housing with rent subsidies and other support.

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### **CA Aging & Disability Research Partnership** (CADRP)

- 1. Focus on making research related to the MPA relevant to the community through data storytelling and leveraging more qualitative data to effectively tell stories.
- 2. Work with data providers to integrate data from different sectors to better understand intersections within aging and disability.
- 3. Focus research on barriers and prevention, in addition to drivers.

### **CA Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council** (EDJCC)

- 1. *Conservatorship:* Create a statewide Office of the Public Guardian to be operated at the county level within the California Department of Social Services.
- 2. Adult Protective Services: Provide resources to all 58 counties to establish single phone number, called "California Reporting One System & Services (CROSS)" to receive and respond to reports of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, and self-neglect of older adults and adults with disabilities.
- 3. *Legal Services:* Enhance and increase access to civil and criminal remedies for older adult and disabled victims of abuse and exploitation.

### <u>Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Advisory Committee</u> (ADRDAC)

- Increase options to provide care to individuals with dementia through an LTSS benefit; voluntary savings account; allocating a percentage of Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) slots for people with cognitive impairments; and increasing the total number of slots in the ALW.
- 2. Secure funding to expand access to dementia capable, person-centered adult day services.
- 3. Secure continued funding to expand access to use of Community Health Workers to provide dementia care management through the state's aging services network.