



## CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

<b>Short Name/Subject</b> Commission on Aging	<b>Board Meeting Date</b> May 22, 2018	<b>Agenda Number</b> <b>29</b>
<b>Dept:</b> Board of Supervisors <b>Contact:</b> Rebecca Turner <b>Phone:</b> (209) 754-6370	<b>Supervisorial District Number</b> Countywide	Regular Agenda
<b>Published Notice Required?</b> No <b>Public Hearing Required?</b> No		<b>Estimated Time:</b> 30 Minutes
<b>Type of Document?</b> Resolution <b>PowerPoint Presentation Included?</b> No <b>Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)?</b> No <b>Complete Agreement Required?</b> No <b>Position Allocation Change?</b> No		

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution disbanding the Calaveras County Commission on Aging.

**DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:**

As directed by the Board of Supervisors at the January 9, 2018 meeting, the Clerk is to review all of the citizen boards/committees/commission. The Clerk has reviewed the Commission on Aging and is recommending that it be disbanded.

The Commission was formed in the 1970s to advise the Board of Supervisors about issues and needs of the County’s senior citizens. It is not a Commission required by state or federal law. The Commission has struggled for many years with various issues ranging from retention of members, understanding their advisory role to the Board of Supervisors, compliance with the Brown Act and adopting bylaws. Since its original inception in 1973, the Commission has expanded their authority to include functions that are not within its scope, without the approval of the Board of Supervisors. It is not to say that the functions they perform are not needed nor beneficial, but that they have become more like a non-profit than advisory group—and these sort of fund-raising and community organizing activities exceed the jurisdiction of their formation as an advisory committee.

In February 2014, there were several issues that came to the attention of staff, and the Commission was cautioned by County Counsel to comply with the formation documents and applicable laws. By October 2014, the Commission had not yet acted upon the advice of then County Counsel, Janis Elliott, therefore staff met with representatives of the Commission to discuss the issues. Having learned more about the Commission’s mission, their desire to host events and fundraising, it was the recommendation of County Counsel and the Clerk of the Board that the Commission shed the legal restrictions that come with being an advisory commission to the Board of Supervisors and instead transition to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. An alternative suggestion was for the group to form the 501(c)(3) fundraising purposes and revenue-spending activities, and also remain an advisory commission to the Board of Supervisors for purposes described in its formation documents. Last winter the Commission finally decided to partner with Common Ground Senior Services to pursue the hosting of events, fundraising, and perform the tasks that are not advisory to the Board of Supervisors.

To date, the Commission has not provided any kind of advice to the Board of Supervisors, or an annual report. The Commission is not complying with the Brown Act by not posting and disseminating agendas. The Commission is not able to meet regularly due to the lack of a quorum; of the fifteen member commission, there are currently only seven appointed members.

Advertising for vacancies, processing applications, monitoring Brown Act compliance costs the County in staff time and money. Because the Board of Supervisors is not receiving any value associated with these costs, it is recommended that the Commission be disbanded.

**FINANCING:**

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose to not disband the Commission on Aging; however, this is not recommended by staff as it is currently comprised. It would be recommended to decrease the number of members and provide a very specific scope of duties.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

**APPROVED BY:**



Rebecca Turner, Clerk-Recorder

5/4/2018



Julie Moss-Lewis, Deputy County Counsel

5/6/2018



Christa Vol Latta, Administrative Analyst

5/11/2018



Diane Beverud, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

5/11/2018

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
May 22, 2018

Resolution  
No. (ID # 3753)

**A RESOLUTION DISBANDING THE CALAVERAS COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**WHEREAS**, the Calaveras County Commission on Aging was originally established by Resolution 73-371; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent revisions were made to the Commission since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission no longer acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, instead focusing on other activities to benefit the senior community; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution supersedes Resolutions 73-371, 75-189, 75-342, 75-368, 79-584, 82-56, 83-362 and 09-034.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Calaveras County Commission on Aging is disbanded and no longer in existence.

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Chair

**ATTEST**

Rebecca Turner, Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras

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Deputy Clerk