



# AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley – Conference Room**  
**512 W. Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251**

<b>Chairperson:</b> AJ Gaddis	<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Paul R. Monarrez	<b>Secretary:</b> Patricia Burnworth	<b>Past Chair:</b>
<b>Members:</b>			
Sup. John Hawk	Cynthia Alba	Cheryl V. Walker	John Hernandez
Sylvia Chavez	Ember Haller	Manuel Sanchez	Patricia A. Thompson
Helen Lopez	Daniel Romero	Anna M. Garcia	Benjamin Horton
Lucy M. Hendry	Ana Rodriguez		
<b>Alternates:</b>	Ismael Lopez	Mary Walla	Sup. Peggy Price

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is a public meeting. Any person wishing to address the Council is asked to complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. When the agenda item is announced and your name is called, please come forward and address yourself to the Council. Unless the Chairperson extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation. If you wish to address the Council on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction that is not listed on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council will listen to all public comments. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Council will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda. Any information provided on the Request to Speak form will be public record.

*All items posted on the agenda are subject to action. Please turn off or silence all phones before the start of the meeting.*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS, PLEASE REVIEW AGENDA, COMPLETE YOUR CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST FORM, & PROVIDE TO AAA STAFF OR CHAIR PRIOR TO START OF MEETING**

### WELCOME

**I. FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL (MEMBERS), AND INTRODUCTIONS (GUESTS):** **GADDIS**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **GADDIS**  
March 19, 2026, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **GADDIS**

**IV. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a) Catholic Charities / HLT Nutrition Inc. – Senior Nutrition Program Update / Nutrition Education Program Update
- b) April National Volunteer Recognition

**V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S):** **GADDIS**

- a) **Reminder of the AAA Advisory Council proposed Slate of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Elections (No Action Required).**

The Advisory Council will select its officers by election in June. If elected, these officers will serve beginning with the annual period in July. Slate of nominations:

- Chair: Patricia Burnworth; Paul R. Monarrez
- Vice-Chair: Paul R. Monarrez
- Secretary: Patricia Thompson
- Past Chair: AJ Gaddis

- b) **2026 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Elections:**

The incumbents have applied for election as follows: Helen Lopez for CSL Senator and Cheryl Walker for CSL Assembly Member. Per CSL, the incumbents are to be elected by acclamation. (Action / Discussion Item Vb)

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**c) At-Large Member Appointment:**

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Advisory Council appoint Roland Estrada to the vacant At-Large Member position (recommended to represent Law Enforcement).

**VI. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**ENZ**

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**VARIOUS**

Executive:	Gaddis
Legislative:	Lopez
Nutrition:	Burnworth
Transportation:	Gaddis
Social & Health:	Sanchez

**VIII. INFORMATION:**

**AAA STAFF**

- a) FY 2025-2026 Attendance Roster
- b) Legislative Committee Written Report – April 2026
- c) Upcoming Events:
  - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm – NAMI IV Connect Resource Fair at Imperial Valley Mall – 3451 South Dogwood Ave., El Centro, CA 92243

**IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VARIOUS**

**X. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MEMBERS**

**GADDIS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**GADDIS**