AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL

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MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley – Conference Room
512 W. Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251

Chairperson:	**Vice-Chair:**	**Secretary:**	**Past Chair:**
Patricia Burnworth	Paul R. Monarrez	Patricia A. Thompson	AJ Gaddis
Members:			
Sup. John Hawk	Cynthia Alba	Cheryl V. Walker	John Hernandez
Sylvia Chavez	Manuel Sanchez	Helen Lopez	Daniel Romero
Anna M. Garcia	Benjamin Horton	Roland Estrada	Lucy M. Hendry
Ana Rodriguez			
Alternates:	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): **BURNWORTH**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **BURNWORTH**

July 16, 2026, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **BURNWORTH**

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

a) "Alzheimer's, Dementia and Brain Health" – Agnes Zsigovics, Alzheimer's Association, Community Engagement Manager

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

a) At-Large Member Appointment:

The Ad-hoc Nominating Committee met on September 10, 2026, at 2:00 pm to review Alternate At-Large Members and applications received for the vacant position and provided the following recommendations to the Advisory Council:

1. The Ad-hoc Nominating Committee recommends that the Advisory Council appoint Ismael Lopez, current Alternate At-Large Member, to the vacant At-Large Member position as the new Senior Advocate.
2. If the Advisory Council accepts the first recommendation, the Ad-hoc Nominating Committee recommends that the Advisory Council appoint Agnez Zsigovics to the Alternate At-Large Member position, left vacant with the appointment of Ismael Lopez.

b) Committee Membership – Member Participation (No Action Required)
Committee roster included in ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM Vb

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

VII. WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS: **VARIOUS**

- **a.** Legislative (Enclosed) — Lopez
- **b.** Nutrition: (No report submitted) — Burnworth
  Nutrition Committee meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026, at 11:00 am at the AAA Office located at 778 W. State Street, El Centro, California
- **c.** Transportation (Enclosed) — Gaddis
- **d.** Social & Health (Enclosed) — Gaddis on behalf of Sanchez

VIII. INFORMATION: **AAA STAFF**

a) FY 2026-2027 Attendance Roster

b) Upcoming Events:

- 2nd Annual Imperial Valley Service Dog Awareness Resource Fair – Thursday, October 1, 2026, from 10 am to 1 pm at the El Centro Public Library Rooms A&B. (Flyer Enclosed)
- 2026 Senior Appreciation Day Event – Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Dr. Martin Luther King Pavilion.
- Calexico Recreation Department Senior Health Fair, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 10:30 am at the Calexico Recreation Department
- Walk to End Alzheimer's – Friday, October 23, 2026, at 3:00 pm Resource Fair, 5:00 pm Walk, at United Toyota Imperial Dealership

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MEMBERS **VARIOUS**

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION **VARIOUS**

XI. ADJOURNMENT **BURNWORTH**