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## **LeadingAge California Co-Sponsors Bills to Combat Older Adult Homelessness**

*AB 2547 and AB 2548 Will Improve Access to Affordable Housing and Healthcare Services*

Today, LeadingAge California announced its sponsorship of a pair of aging-friendly bills to help ensure older Californians have access to reasonably priced housing that meets their healthcare needs. [AB 2547](#) and [AB 2548](#) authored by Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (D-Van Nuys), Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-term Care Committee. The bills are a part of Assemblymember Nazarian's larger [Aging and Long-term Care Bill Package](#).

“This legislation is critical to stopping the pipeline of older Californians entering homelessness as we work to get them into permanent affordable housing,” said Meghan Rose, General Counsel & Director of Social Impact Initiatives and Housing Policy for LeadingAge California. “The bills use models proven to help low-income older adults navigate California’s complex long-term care system, manage chronic conditions and avoid premature skilled nursing admission, resulting in longevity and greater independence.”

Assembly Bill 2547 would provide rental assistance to an estimated 25,000 older adults and people with disabilities. The Older Adult and People with Disabilities Targeted Rent Stabilization Program would provide subsidies to acutely low-income Californians who are currently experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. AB 2547 is also co-sponsored by Justice in Aging, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the State Council for Developmental Disabilities and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Assembly Bill 2548 will establish the 5-year Healthier Home – Age in Place Affordable Housing Nursing Program in eight counties – Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Shasta and Sonoma. A full-time registered nurse and a full-time community health worker will deliver health education, navigation, and coaching to residents at three affordable senior housing communities in each county. The bill is co-sponsored by LifeSTEPS.

“This pilot program acts as a pivotal first step in addressing social inequities facing low-income older adults,” said Beth Southorn, Executive Director of LifeSTEPS. “By helping older adults age in place, we can work to address California’s housing, long-term services and supports, and health care challenges all at once.”

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***About LeadingAge California:** Founded in 1961, LeadingAge California is the state’s leading advocate for quality, non-profit senior living and care. The association’s advocacy, educational programs and public relations help its members best serve the needs of thousands of the state’s older adults. LeadingAge California represents nearly 700 nonprofit providers of senior living and care – including affordable housing, continuing care retirement communities, assisted living, skilled nursing, and home and community-based care; as well as our business partners.*

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