

The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1382

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry,

The Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance strongly supports enactment of your bill, AB 1382, Master Plan for Aging, addressing the very important issue of workforce priorities for caregivers.

Paid, unpaid and family caregivers are essential for the well-being of the growing population of older adults in California. There is an urgent need to increase the number of caregivers and to assure that this workforce is well-trained and culturally competent.

Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance has heard over and over again from our community the difficulties faced when trying to find, pay and retain caregivers of all types. In order for our seniors to be supported in the community, access to the full range of paid and unpaid caregivers is essential.

We applaud Governor Newsom for moving the Master Plan for Aging forward with an executive order. Now it is important to assure that the Master Plan includes a proper workforce implementation plan specifying goals, objective and timelines to achieve sufficient numbers and types of caregivers. AB 1382 moves this issue forward and Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance supports this legislation. Thank you to you, our representative, for sponsoring the bill.

We urge your vote of yes on AB 1382.

Sincerely,

Jim Provenza

Chair

cc: Assemblymember McCarty, Senators Dodd and Pan

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