

## JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING

of the

### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES and AGING & LONG TERM CARE

Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
10:00am-12:00pm – State Capitol, Room 437

### ***Overlooked & Underserved: New Data Gives Face To Nearly One Million Struggling Seniors***

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#### AGENDA

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#### **I. Opening Remarks: Why We Are Here Today.**

- **Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr.**, Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
- **Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal**, Chair, Assembly Aging & Long Term Care Committee

#### **II. Building an Economic Security Movement: What is 'Californians for Economic Security?'**

- **Susan E. Smith**, Director, Californians for Economic Security & Elder Economic Security Initiative, *Insight Center for Community Economic Development*

#### **III. How Many Seniors Are Really Struggling to Make Ends Meet in California? The Researcher's Perspective:**

- Flaws of the Federal Poverty Line
- Elder Economic Security Standard Index (Elder Index)
- Number & demographic characteristics of seniors below the Elder Index

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- **Professor Steven P. Wallace**, PhD, Associate Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
- **Imelda Padilla-Frausto**, MPH, Senior Research Associate, UCLA Center for Policy Research

#### IV. **What Is It Like to Struggle to Get By? How Can the Elder Index Help? Seniors' & Field Leaders' Perspectives:**

- **Susan E. Smith**, Director, Californians for Economic Security & Elder Economic Security Initiative, *Insight Center for Community Economic Development*
- **Diana Madoshi**, Senior, Placer County; Member, California Alliance of Retired Americans
- **Victoria Tolbert**, Division Director, Alameda County Department of Adult & Aging Services
- **Linda Leahy**, Senior, Mendocino County
- **Karla Rodriguez**, Program Officer, The Women's Foundation of California
- **Kathy Kellet**, Senior, Santa Clara County / Santa Clara County Catholic Charities
- **Michael Richard**, Associate State Director for Advocacy, AARP Sacramento
- **Karen Raasch**, AARP Member/Action Volunteer
- **Lucinda Brazile**, Policy & Special Policy Director, Lifelong Medical Center
- **Husayn Sayfuddiyn**, Senior, Oakland
- **Paul Downey**, President, California Association of Nutrition Directors for the Elderly; President, Senior Community Centers

#### V. **What Can We Do About this Crisis? The State Policy Perspective:**

- **Gerald McIntyre**, Directing Attorney, National Senior Citizens Law Center
- **Susan E. Smith**, Director Californians for Economic Security & Elder Economic Security Initiative, *Insight Center for Community Economic Development*

VI. Public Comment

VII. Closing remarks