

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1249 amends the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act (Act) and requires the California Department of Aging to initiate reforms by revising provisions within the Act; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Aging (CDA) is required by September 30, 2026 to take action on identifying core programs and services to be provided to older adults and family caregivers, and developing a statewide consumer engagement plan; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has proposed to restructure the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) for federal and State funding through Trailer Bill Language included in the 2026-27 May Revision Budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed IFF assigns new factors and weights, including a 20 percent weight applied to older adults "living in geographic isolation;" and

WHEREAS, assigning a 20 percent weight for geographic isolation will systematically and disproportionately shift vital funds away from highly populated urban centers to rural counties with substantially smaller aging populations; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Los Angeles combined serve approximately one-quarter of California's entire older adult population, with Los Angeles County alone being home to over 2.1 million older adults, including nearly 797,000 who reside within the City; and

WHEREAS, older adults currently account for 21 percent of the City's population, and this population is projected to increase by 60 percent by 2030, resulting in nearly one in four Angelenos being age 60 or older; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles features highly dense concentrations of low-income, minority, disabled, and non-English-speaking older adults whose urgent and complex needs are fundamentally minimized by the proposed IFF structure; and

WHEREAS, under this newly revised formula, the City of Los Angeles specifically faces a devastating 12 percent decrease in direct funding, contributing to a combined local loss of over \$6 million annually for aging services in Los Angeles County—representing a total loss of roughly 24 percent of regional aging services funding; and

WHEREAS, this projected budget contraction slashes nutrition funding alone by an estimated \$4.1 million, directly jeopardizing nearly 400,000 vital meals per year for vulnerable homebound seniors and low-income older adults who rely heavily on programs such as Meals on Wheels; and



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WHEREAS, these steep and inequitable cuts will force Area Agencies on Aging to scale back life-sustaining community services, including specialized transportation, case management, housing stability programs, and caregiver support—placing immense, unsustainable financial and physical burdens onto family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the State's Trailer Bill Language was fast-tracked with insufficient stakeholder engagement, and the CDA conducted a limited public comment period that precluded meaningful local collaboration or proper equity testing; and

WHEREAS, there is zero federal mandate or pressing deadline requiring the State to enact these formula revisions immediately, as California's next State Plan on Aging is not due to the federal Administration for Community Living until 2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its State Legislative Program, **OPPOSITION** of the proposed 2026-27 May Revision Budget Trailer Bill Language regarding the Intrastate Funding Formula Modernization and Implementation Authority for the California Department of Aging; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles **URGES** the California State Legislature and the Governor to **REJECT** the 2026-27 May Revision Trailer Bill Language and require a transparent, collaborative legislative process to develop a new Intrastate Funding Formula that:

1. Eliminates or significantly reduces the 20 percent geographic isolation weighting factor that unfairly penalizes urban centers; and
2. Increases the base population factor weighting to properly reflect where the State's older adults actually live and where high-density need is concentrated.

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