

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE CODE OF ETHICS

Recognizing that the needs of the over 60 age groups are in the interests of all people, the California Legislature in 1980 created the California Senior Legislature (CSL) to propose legislation to meet the needs and concerns of Older Californians.

Members of the Senior Legislature elected by their peers are cognizant of their obligation to discharge the responsibility given to them by the State Legislature, and vow to follow the path of high moral conduct and service implicit in the following code:

1. As a volunteer, I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that which binds the professional in the field in which I work.
2. I accept the plural ethnicity of CSL members, their cultural and educational variations. I will value the commitment of each as much as I do my own, and show respect to each.
3. I will show respect to the members of the State Legislature and their staff people.
4. I will work faithfully to accomplish the objectives of the CSL.
5. I will work with the Area Agency on Aging and/or Legislative Council and other seniors in my community to develop proposals for legislation addressing their concerns.
6. I will strive to maintain the dignity of the Senior Legislature in all my speaking engagements and written articles.
7. I will be responsible for informing the public as widely as possible concerning the CSL in a positive manner.
8. I recognize and accept the administrative policies, responsibilities, and procedural concepts of the CSL as they are enunciated in the CSL Procedures Manual and Bylaws, including the use and design of CSL business cards and stationery.
9. I promise to bring to my work with the CSL an attitude of open-mindedness, to be willing to be trained for it, to bring to it interest and attention, and to work in support of CSL programs and priorities.

10. I will attend the annual session of the CSL unless excused because of illness or death of a family member or other legitimate reasons.
11. Furthermore, I promise to conduct my campaign for office as either a Senior Senator or Senior Assemblyperson in an ethical, above-board and honest manner, in both my oral and printed campaign statements. And, in no way will I mislead or deceive potential elderly voters while campaigning.
12. I promise not to use my office as a CSL member in any manner that reflects negatively on the high moral standards of the CSL, or negatively on any CSL member.
13. I accept and promise to comply with the STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.

Being eager to contribute all that I can to the improvement and solution of senior problems, I accept this code, to be followed carefully and cheerfully.

Signature: _____ Date: _____