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## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2025

To: **Government Community Relations Committee**  
Cathy Blin, George Alvarado, Lety Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Jennifer Koster, Laura Monge, Curtis Wang, Jodie Agnew-Navarro – VAC Rep.

From: Lindsay Granger, Admin

Re: Information and Materials for the next Government Community Relations Committee meeting on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00p.m.**

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Enclosed is information for the next Government Community Relations Committee meeting. Please review this information so you will be prepared for the discussion.

**Date/Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00p.m.**

Please **click the link** below to join the Zoom meeting automatically.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86379550153?pwd=oJrkJqVdxfl5oapb9qmpNogm5arReC.1>

The information below is only needed if you are joining the meeting by phone or for using phone audio.

**Meeting ID: 863 7955 0153**

**Passcode: 130507**

If you have any questions, please email [boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:boardsupport@nlacrc.org)

Thank you!

Enclosures

c: Angela Pao-Johnson, Evelyn McOmie, Vini Montague, Chris Whitlock, Jodie Agnew-Navarro – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative

# Government & Community Relations Meeting 3.19.25

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## **GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – *Via Zoom*

6:00 p.m.

~ **AGENDA** ~

- I. **Call to Order** – Cathy Blin
- II. **Agenda** (*1 min*)
  - A. Approval of the March 19, 2025 Agenda
- III. **Public Input** – Agenda Items
- IV. **Consent Items** (*2 min*)
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the January 15, 2025, Meeting
- V. **Action Items**
  - A. Review and Select Jynny Retzinger Award Nominees – Cathy Blin
- VI. **Committee Business**
  - A. Discuss Local Grassroots Event – Belinda Abatesi (*4 min*)
- VII. **Report Outs / Discussions**
  - A. Update on Legislative Breakfast Workgroup – Chris Whitlock
  - B. Social Media – Chris Whitlock (*3 min*)
    1. Social Media Analytics Report – Jan., Feb., & March. 2025
  - C. Legislative Town Hall Recap – Belinda Abatesi (*1 min*)
  - D. Legislative Update – Belinda Abatesi (*5 min*)
  - E. ARCA Grassroots Sacramento Visit – Belinda Abatesi (*1 min*)
- VIII. **Board Meeting Agenda Items** – Cathy Blin (*1 min*)
  - A. Chair Summary
- IX. **Announcements / Information / Public Input** (*5 min*)
  - A. Upcoming Community Events
    1. <http://www.nlacrc.org/news-events/calendar/>
  - B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:00pm

C. Committee Attendance

**X. Adjournment**

**XI. Review of Meeting Action Items (*Item Owner and Due Date*)**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
Government & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025

**Present:** George Alvarado, Lety Garcia, Jennifer Koster, Laura Monge, Curtis Wang, Jodie Agnew-Navarro-  
 VAC Rep. – **Committee Members**

Chris Whitlock, John Van De Riet, Lindsay Granger, Arezo Abedi, Belinda Abatesi- **Staff Members**

Mark Wolfe – DDS Technical Advisor, Tresa Oliveri– DDS Technical Advisor, Marianita Mendoza  
 – DDS, Nicholas Mendoza- **Guests**

**Absent:** Cathy Blin

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

- A. Curtis Wang called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- B. Belinda Abatesi was introduced as NLACRC’s new Legislative Specialist.

**II. Agenda**

- A. Approval of the January 15, 2025 Agenda

**M/S/C** (George Alvarado/Jennifer Koster) To approve the agenda as presented.

**III. Public Input**

No public input

**IV. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the October 16, 2024 Meeting

**M/S/C** (George Alvarado / Juan Hernandez) To approve the meeting minutes as presented.

**V. Action Items**

- A. GCRC Critical Calendar

Chris Whitlock gave an update on the changes to the critical calendar. There was a previous proposal that the Legislative Town Hall (virtual) be added to the month of February. In May, the Legislative Breakfast would be added.

Tresa Oliveri asked if staff would have enough time to put together the Legislative Town Hall event in February given that it is currently January. Chris responded that can have the event in February with the panelists ready to go. Promotions for the event have already started. The flyer includes a line item stating the event is virtual.

The event information is provided in the chat, our website, and social media (the news you could use).

**M/S/C** (George Alvarado / Juan Hernandez) to approve the updated Critical Calendar with the Legislative Town Hall (Virtual) added to February and the Legislative Breakfast added to May.

Action: Board Support will email George Alvarado the information and link for the Legislative Town Hall.

**B. Legislative Breakfast****1. Create a Workgroup**

This workgroup would be arranging the breakfast to be held in person in a post-COVID world in May. The event is in honor of Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award. The community is invited, which includes family service providers, board members, individuals served, legislators, and more. This is the perfect event to have the community come together and to acknowledge the recipient of the Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award. The workgroup typically includes a board member, a service provider, and NLACRC staff to help put the event together. The workgroup typically selects the date, venue, look at the individuals, who have been nominated for the Jynny Retzinger award, and determine the best way to get the legislators at the event. We need to set up how often the workgroup would meet, using the template from the previous years. What topics will be discussed, typically employment is a big topic for discussion.

George Alvarado asked about when and where this workgroup would be taking place.

Mark Wolfe suggested that Chris put together a quick summary about what the workgroup would be covering to see who might be interested in volunteering to be a part of the workgroup.

Juan Hernandez asked if the workgroups would be during the day. Chris responded that typically workgroups occur during the day.

Jennifer Koster stated that she would like to be a part of the workgroup.

Lety Garcia asked if the workgroup would be addressing two separate items – both the award and the breakfast. Chris provided further clarification.

Chris Whitlock explained that historically the Jynny Retzinger award was given at the Legislative Breakfast. The posted document provides a little bit of information about Jynny Retzinger, who was a board member at NLACRC and started the first legislative breakfast. This award is in honor of her and the work that she did for the community.

**Action:** Chris Whitlock will compose an email with a brief description of the workgroup, the topics that will be addressed to send out to the committee members and ask who would like to volunteer for the workgroup.

**Action:** Chris Whitlock will send out a quick email to the members of the committee, and those who are interested will email him back. Committee Members can also email Board Support if they are interested in joining the workgroup or have any questions.

**M/S/C:** (George Alvarado/Jennifer Koster) To approve creating a workgroup for the Legislative Breakfast Workgroup.

**VI. Committee Business**

- A. Legislative Town Hall Update - A community event designed to foster dialogue between local legislators and the communities they serve. The Legislative Town Hall provides a platform for a discussion, where individuals can voice their concerns, ask questions, and gain insights into the legislative process.

The virtual Legislative Town Hall will be on February 25, 2025, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Belinda Abatesi has invited several of our legislators to attend as panelists, and we will be reaching out to the community asking for specific questions that they might have for the legislators so that they can be asked the night of the event. This will be done through an email sent out shortly along with social media posts and another email blast to everyone that signed up for the news you could use.

The town hall will not be interactive, but staff has prepared a few questions for the legislators to address one at a time. The registration link was added to the chat. There is a place on the registration to include an optional question for the legislator.

Action: Chris Whitlock and Belinda Abatesi will collaborate with Board Support and send out an email after the meeting with the link to register for the Legislative Town Hall.

B. Board Recognition Update

Chris Whitlock provided an update on the change of the Board Recognition. This will be awarded during the Legislative Breakfast, which was when the recognition took place prior to COVID. Also, there was clarification on the Board Recognition Update. The Board Recognition is the same as the Jynny Retzinger Award, which can be given to individuals served, family members, Board of Trustees members, Committee members, Regional Center staff, service providers, and members of the community representing the NLACRC catchment area (San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Antelope Valley) who has performed exceptional service for people with developmental disabilities.

Action: Chris Whitlock will email additional information about the Board Recognition and send out a form asking the community if there is anyone that they would like to put forward for the award.

C. ARCA's Grassroots Day and NLACRC's Grassroots Week

Belinda Abatesi provided the update on the ARCA Grassroots event, which will be taking place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> this year (2025). Lety Garcia asked how people are being selected to go up to Sacramento. Belinda is working with Michelle Hyde our legislative consultant and ARCA to coordinate the project. Chris explained to Lety that the delegation group that will be going up to Sacramento will be helping represent North Los Angeles County Regional Center.

Action: Chris Whitlock, Belinda Abatesi, and Board Support will work together to put together an announcement at the next Board of Trustees meeting under the GCRC Committee Update or to be added under Public Input and Announcements.

VII. **Report Outs/ Discussion**

A. Social Media

1. Social Media Analytics Report – Oct., Nov., & Dec. 2024

John Van de Riet reviewed the Social Media summary as presented in the packet. This report includes the data for social media platforms and NLACRC's numbers.

B. Legislative Update

1. Legislative Letter Writing Campaign

Belinda Abatesi provided 3 major updates to the committee.

\*CHAPTERED after a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number.

- **AB 1147 (Addis) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023:**  
Status: On September 28, 2024 the bill was approved by Governor Newsom, and chaptered as Chapter 904, Statutes of 2024.
- **AB 1906 (Gipson) Persons with disabilities: terminology -**

Status: On September 14, 2024 the bill was chaptered\* by the Secretary of State – Chapter 233, Statutes of 2024.

- **AB 2423 (Mathis) Developmental Services: rates**

Status: On September 28, 2024 the bill was approved by Governor Newsom. Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 904, Statutes of 2024.

**VIII. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

**IX. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Committee Attendance

Public Input - No public input

**X. Adjournment**

Curtis Wang adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm

**VII. Review of Meeting Action Items**

- Board Support will email George Alvarado the information and link for the Legislative Town Hall.
- Chris Whitlock will compose an email with a brief description of the workgroup, the topics that will be addressed to send out to the committee members and ask who would like to volunteer for the workgroup.
- Chris Whitlock will send out a quick email to the members of the committee, and those who are interested will email him back.
- Christ Whitlock and Belinda Abatesi will collaborate with Board Support and send out an email after the meeting with the link to register for the Legislative Town Hall.
- Chris Whitlock will email additional information about the Board Recognition and send out a form asking the community if there is anyone that they would like to put forward for the award.
- Chris Whitlock, Belinda Abatesi, and Board Support will work together to put together an announcement at the next Board of Trustees meeting under the GCRC Committee Update or to be added under Public Input and Announcements.
- Board Support, Belinda Abatesi, and Chris Whitlock will put together an email to send the Board of Trustees members giving an update and asking who would be interested in attending the event.
- Board Support will add Lety Garcia to the attendance roster.
- Board Support and Chris Whitlock will work with Curtis Wang to draft a summary and assist him in presenting the report out at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Submitted by:

Lindsay Granger  
Executive Administrative Assistant



## Facebook

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Total Followers	7,084	7,094	7,096
Posts (Times we've posted)	69	77	114
Total Interactions (likes, shares, comments)	894	681	942
Page Reach (how many users saw at least one post)	12,436	11,862	14,152

## Instagram

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Total Followers	1,421	1,437	1,464
Total Engagements (likes, shares, comments)	340	369	490

## X/Twitter

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Total Followers	528	530	531

## Community and Legislative Educator Report March 2025

### INTRODUCED BILLS

**AB 277 (Alanis) Autism: Behavioral Technician Certification** – This bill would require the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to establish a certification process for behavioral technicians working with individuals under 18 years of age who have autism. The certification process must include a criminal background check, and individuals convicted of crimes involving minors would be prohibited from obtaining certification. Additionally, developmental centers, facilities, or programs serving minors would be prohibited from employing behavioral technicians who lack this certification.

Status: Introduced on **January 21, 2025**; re-referred to Committee on Human Services on **February 21st, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB277](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB277)

**AB 308 (Ramos) The Family Urgent Response System** – This bill would authorize a county behavioral health director to develop procedures for the county's mobile response system, which may include procedures for handling an emergency situation involving an individual with autism, a behavioral health issue, or another developmental disability.

Status: Introduced on **January 23, 2025**; re-referred to Committee on Human Services on **March 4, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB308](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB308)

**AB 341 (Arambula) Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program** – This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services, no later than July 1, 2027, to contract with a public California dental school or college to administer the Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program. The program aims to improve dental care services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities by reducing or eliminating the need for sedation and general anesthesia.

Status: Introduced on **January 28, 2025**; referred to Committees on Human Services and Higher Education on **February 18, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB341](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB341)

**AB 416 (Krell) Involuntary commitment** – This bill would amend the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act to authorize emergency physicians to initiate involuntary holds for individuals who, as a result of a mental health disorder, are deemed a danger to themselves or others, or gravely disabled. Under current law, only peace officers and designated mobile crisis team members have this authority. The bill would also exempt emergency physicians from criminal and civil liability when detaining an individual under these provisions.

Status: Introduced on **February 5, 2025**; referred to Committees on Health and Judiciary on **February 18, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB416](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB416)

**AB 1172 (Nguyen) Adult Day Programs: Administration of Inhalable Emergency Antiseizure Medications** – This bill would authorize trained staff at adult day programs to administer inhalable emergency antiseizure medication to participants with epilepsy or seizure disorders during a seizure emergency, provided they have received appropriate training and the participant has a prescription for the medication. This measure aims to enhance the safety and well-being of individuals with seizure disorders in adult day programs by ensuring timely intervention during seizure emergencies.

Status: Introduced on **February 21, 2025**; pending legislative review.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1172](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1172)

**SB 402 (Valladares) Health Care Coverage: Autism** – This bill would relocate the definitions of “qualified autism service provider,” “qualified autism service professional,” and “qualified autism service paraprofessional” from the Health and Safety Code and Insurance Code to the Business and Professions Code.

Status: Introduced on **February 14, 2025**; referred to the Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development on **February 26, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB402](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB402)

**SB 422 (Grayson) California Workforce Development Board: developmental services** – This bill would require the board, on or before January 1, 2027, to review existing recommendations and to research and provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature including recommendations on the most compelling strategies for addressing the workforce shortage in California’s developmental services system, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services to provide staff support and expertise to the board for this purpose.

Status: Introduced on **February 18, 2025**; referred to the Committees on Labor, Public Employment & Retirement, and Human Services on **February 26, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB422](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB422)

**SB 471 (Menjivar) Office of the Lanterman Ombudsperson** – This bill would establish the Office of the Lanterman Ombudsperson as an autonomous entity within the Department of Developmental Services to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in resolving issues related to their care, placement, or services. The bill would outline the office’s duties, including disseminating information, providing training and technical assistance, and receiving and investigating complaints made by or on behalf of consumers of developmental services. Additionally, the bill would clarify that the Office of the Self-Determination Ombudsperson is a separate entity but would require the Lanterman Ombudsperson to oversee its operations.

Status: Introduced on **February 19, 2025**; referred to Committees on Human Services and Judiciary on **February 26, 2025**.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB471](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB471)

## **FEDERAL FUNDING**

Detailed information on Federal Funding: [Jan.-29-Medicaid-Webinar-for-Advocates.pptx](#)

Use this link to easily send a message to your reps asking them to protect Medicaid for everyone, including the I/DD community. <https://lnkd.in/g3qs9HEY>

Need more info on why Medicaid is important? Check this out: <https://lnkd.in/gggp2zhD>

Need help on how to talk about Medicaid with lawmakers? Check out this toolkit from The Arc: <https://lnkd.in/gmzBKdaW>

**The Health Care Sabotage Tracker by Protect Our Care** monitors policy changes, funding cuts, and administrative actions that threaten access to affordable health care in the U.S. This resource provides up-to-date information on efforts that may undermine Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and other critical health programs. Stay informed on how these changes could impact people with disabilities, low-income families, and vulnerable communities. [Health Care Sabotage Tracker — Protect Our Care](#)

## **DDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

### **DDS Stakeholder Events**

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/stakeholder-events/> (Use link to register for the event)

### **Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Workgroup Meeting**

The QIP is designed to improve consumer outcomes, service provider performance, and the quality of services.

#### **QIP upcoming meeting:**

**When:** Monday, March 17, 2025 - 2:00pm- 4:00pm

**Location:** Zoom ([Registration](#))

### **Regional Center Performance Measures Workgroup Meeting**

The RCPM program has six focus areas identified by the Workgroup.

[View the materials on the RCPM webpage.](#)

#### **Tentative 2025 RCPM Workgroup Meetings:**

- April 22, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm
- July 22, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm
- October 28, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm

### **DDS Employment Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting**

This workgroup, facilitated by the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), brings together advocates, service providers, regional center representatives, policymakers, and individuals with disabilities to discuss and enhance employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). **Currently, no workgroup meetings are scheduled.**

### **DDS Workforce Initiatives**

DDS Workforce Initiatives are aimed to recruit, train, and retain workers from diverse communities who support individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

[Workforce Initiatives : CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

### **Rate Reform: Rate Model Implementation**

The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has issued multiple directives since the beginning of this year, outlining the implementation of rate reforms for employment services, effective January 1, 2025. For detailed information on service descriptions, rate models, and billing procedures, please refer to the full directives available here:

- **February 4, 2025:** [D-2024-Rate Reform-013 Rate Reform Implementation for Respite Services Employer of Record and Participant Directed Services](#)
- **February 4, 2025:** [D-2024 Rate Reform-011 REV Rate Reform Implementation for Residential Services](#)
- **January 22, 2025:** <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-Rate-Reform-006-REV-Transportation-Services.pdf>
- **January 22, 2025:** <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/P-2024-Rate-Reform-002-REV-Service-Code-Crosswalk.pdf>
- **January 17, 2025:** [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-007\\_REV2\\_RateReformImplementationEmploymentServices.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-007_REV2_RateReformImplementationEmploymentServices.pdf)
- **January 3, 2025:** [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-015\\_MileageCalculationForTransporationServicesProviders.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-015_MileageCalculationForTransporationServicesProviders.pdf)
- **January 2, 2025:** [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-016\\_RateReform\\_Guidance\\_Transitional\\_Rates.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/D-2024-RateReform-016_RateReform_Guidance_Transitional_Rates.pdf)

**Additional Resources On Rate Reform:** [Rate Reform : CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

### **Master Plan for Developmental Services**

The upcoming Master Plan aims to strengthen connections between developmental services and other key sectors, including education, housing, employment, transportation, and healthcare.

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>

### **Master Plan Upcoming Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 10:00am - 3:30pm

**Location:** (Hybrid) CA Lottery 700 North 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 ([Registration](#))

### **Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)**

The Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) is a Governor-appointed advisory committee of advocates and state departments who provide advice and assistance to DDS on California's early intervention program.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/state-icc-on-early-intervention-overview/>

### **Early Start ICC Upcoming Meeting**

**When:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 12:00pm - 1:00pm ([Registration](#))

**Location:** Zoom

### **CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**




- May 9th, 2025 - Last day for policy committees to report non fiscal bills to the Floor.
- June 6th, 2025 - Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- June 15th, 2025 - Budget bill must be passed by midnight.

<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/schedules-publications/legislative-deadlines#month7>




### **LEGISLATIVE EVENTS**

Community events are open to all community members and are not hosted by NLACRC. Please check the links for further information and RSVP if you plan to attend.

#### **Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) - After Dark with President of LA City Council Marqueece Harris-Dawson**




-  **Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025
-  **Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm
-  **Location:** Hope the Mission, 16641 Roscoe Plane ([Registration](#))

**Cal-TASH 42nd Annual Conference: Rolling Out the Red Carpet** – This year’s conference will celebrate equity, opportunity, and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.

-  **Date:** Friday, March 28 - Saturday, March 29, 2025
-  **Time:** Not mentioned
-  **Location:** Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank Airport, 2500 N Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505, USA ([Registration](#))




#### **Assembly Member Pilar Schiavo – Tacos & Taxes Event**

This event aims to provide free tax preparation services to eligible individuals and families.




-  **Date:** Sat, March 29, 2025
-  **Time:** 9am - 5pm
-  **Location:** College of the Canyons (Exact location provided upon appointment confirmation) ([Registration](#))

#### **Assembly Member Celeste Rodriguez - César E. Chavez March for Justice and Resource Fair**




March for Justice Peregrinación/Marcha por la Justicia

-  **Date:** Sunday, Mar 30, 2025
-  **Time:** 10 am
-  **Location:** Pacoima Charter Elementary School, 11016 Norris Ave. Pacoima, CA 91331

Cultural Arts Festival and Resource Fair/Festival de Arte Cultural y Feria de Recursos

-  **Date:** Sunday, Mar 30, 2025
-  **Time:** 12pm - 4 pm
-  **Location:** Ritchie Valens Park, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

**The Arc of California - DisCo at the Capitol: California Disability Community Advocacy Conference** – This two-day event is designed to inspire, educate, and empower attendees to become advocates for Californians with disabilities and their families.

-  **Date:** Tuesday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 2, 2025
-  **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM (**April 1st**); 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (**April 2nd**)
-  **Location:** State Capitol West Steps, Sacramento, CA ([Registration](#))

### **ARCA GRASSROOTS DAY - March 3rd-4th, 2025**

The **Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day** is an annual event held in Sacramento, where regional center representatives meet with California state legislators to advocate for policies that enhance services for individuals with developmental disabilities. It brings together **regional center staff, service providers, self-advocates, and family members** to discuss key legislative priorities.

On **March 3rd and 4th**, the NLACRC delegation team joined regional centers statewide to engage with legislators and staff within our **catchment area**, advocating for ARCA's proposed bills. These discussions aimed to secure legislative support for policies that strengthen the regional center system and improve services for the individuals we serve.

Please use the link to access the discussed bills, meeting summaries, and takeaways from ARCA Grassroots Day: [ARCA Grassroots Day 2025 - Meetings & Outcomes](#)

FY 2024-25	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total Absences	Total Hours
<b>Government &amp; Community Relations Committee</b>	Dark		Dark		Dark	Dark		Dark	Dark	Dark		Dark		
George Alvarado		Ab		Ab (60%)			P						2	1.75
Cathy Blin		P		P			Ab						1	2.00
Leticia Garcia				P			P						0	1.50
Juan Hernandez		P		P			P						0	3.00
Jennifer Koster		P		P			P						0	3.00
Laura Monge		P		P			P						0	3.00
Curtis Wang		P		P			P						0	3.00
Jodie Agnew-Navarro, VAC Rep		P		P			Ab						1	2.00
													0	

Meeting Time

1.50

0.50

1.00

P = Present

Ab = Absent

Attendance Policy: In the event a Trustee shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from three (3) consecutive meetings of any one or more committees on which he or she may be serving, or shall be absent from five (5) regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from five (5) meetings of any one or more Committees on which he or she may be serving during any twelve (12) month period, then the Trustee shall, without any notice or further action required of the Board, be automatically deemed to have resigned from the Board effective immediately. The secretary of the Board shall mail notice of each Trustee's absences during the preceding twelve (12) month period to each Board member following each regularly-scheduled Board meeting. (policy adopted 2-10-99)