



**Act Now to Restore Consumer Input and Oversight of IHSS!**

Funding for IHSS Public Authority Consumer Advisory Committees and Governing Boards was severely reduced during the 2011 budget crisis. This near erasure of consumer input in IHSS undermines a fundamental principle of the IHSS Public Authority—to engage consumers in the oversight of the delivery of IHSS and give input to any entity that has influence in IHSS. While consumer oversight has diminished, problems with IHSS have not gone away—the provider shortage crisis worsens every day and consumers continue to have problems with their services. **CICA (CA IHSS Consumer Alliance) and CFILC (CA Foundation for Independent Living Centers) need your help to restore funding for consumer input in IHSS.**

Assembly Member Ash Kalra is requesting restoration of funding for the IHSS Public Authority Consumer Advisory Committees and Governing Boards. This funding would provide \$56,000/year for each IHSS Public Authority to create and invite consumer input including: conducting listening sessions on provider shortage crisis; outreaching to consumers to attend regular Public Authority meetings; providing on-line trainings on being an employer; soliciting comments through social media; sponsoring telephone town-halls aimed at soliciting consumers comment; and doing collaborative outreach with allied organizations.

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Task—Between today and April 6<sup>th</sup>, Call Members of Assmly Budget Subcommittee #1**

This budget request from Assembly Member Kalra will be heard by the Assembly Budget Sub 1 Committee on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. We will keep you informed of any changes. Call these Committee members.

**Your message:** “Hello my name is \_\_\_ and I am an IHSS (consumer, provider, or advocate). I am asking you to support Assembly Member Kalra’s proposal to restore funding for consumer input in IHSS. Lack of consumer input undermines a fundamental principle of the IHSS Public Authority to engage consumers in the oversight in the delivery of IHSS and give input to policy makers. Thank you for supporting consumer input in IHSS!

Sub Committee 1 Chair Assembly Member Dr. Joaquin Arambula, (Dem-31) (916) 319-2031

Assembly Member Devon J. Mathis (Dem-26) (916) 319-2026

Assembly Member Jim Patterson (Rep – 23) (916) 319-2023

Assembly Member James C. Ramos (40) (916) 319-2040

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Assembly Member Jim Wood (Dem-02) (916) 319-2002

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Assembly Member Vince Fong, Republican Alternate (Rep – 34) (916) 319-2034

**After Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Call Your CA Assembly Member**

1) Find your Assembly Member, go to <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>

2) Enter your address and zip code and click on the Assembly Member’s name to get to their website;

3) Find the phone number for their local office and call and ask to talk with the staff who deals with IHSS;

4) Here’s your message: My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in your district. I am an IHSS \_\_\_\_\_ (consumer, provider, or advocate) and I serve on the LA County IHSS Public Authority Governing Board. I am calling to ask you to support the budget request to restore funding for consumer input in IHSS Public Authorities. Lack of consumer input in IHSS undermines a fundamental principle of the IHSS Public Authority: to engage consumers to give input to entities that have influence in IHSS. Thank you for supporting IHSS consumer input

**Last But Not Least--Contact Organizations That Have an Interest in IHSS**

Contact any organization that you work with, are a member of, or has an interest in IHSS--independent living center, senior center, the CA Alliance for Retired Americans, United Cerebral Palsy organization, and others. Ask them to post this flyer on their website, talk to their network to get letters to legislators, and most importantly to call to their Assembly Member about this budget ask to restore consumer input in the IHSS Public Authority. Organizations who want to support this budget proposal should email Assembly Budget SubCommittee #1 supporting this funding for IHSS consumer input: BudgetSub1@asm.ca.gov