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**HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER ELECTED TO CALIFORNIA SENIOR  
LEGISLATURE**

The Housing Authority of the County of Monterey Board Commissioner Richard Rangel has been elected to the California Senior Legislature. The California Senior Legislature is a volunteer body whose primary mission is to gather ideas for legislation at the state and federal levels, craft the ideas into formal proposals, prioritize the proposals, present them to members of the Legislature or the Congress, and advocate for laws implementing the ideas.

Commissioner Rangel has been elected to the office of Senior Assembly Member. The 40 Senior Senators and 80 Senior Assembly members are selected in elections supervised by the Advisory Councils in the 33 Planning and Services Areas (PSAs) in California which were established by the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. The elections are in May of even-numbered years not divisible by four so that the terms of office are four years.

During the October session of the Senior Legislature hearings on proposals are held in policy committees of the Senior Senate and the Senior Assembly. There are five standing policy committees in each house:

- Health,
- Finance and Insurance,
- State and Local Government,
- Housing and Transportation, and
- Social and Community Services.

In order to be considered for authoring in the Legislature or Congress, each proposal is considered four times - by one policy committee of each house, and then on the floor of each house by the Senior Senate and the Senior Assembly. The Legislative Committee directs the presentation of proposals to the Legislature or Congress as well as the advocating through the life of each authored proposal.

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