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**Q1** Define the problem: [Outline the challenge(s) your recommendation will address. Insert links to reports where appropriate.]

The huge gap between existing policy and current practice with respect to conservatorships. In 2005, LA Times did an investigative series. In 2020 there still has been no funding for the 2006 Legislative reforms (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200520060AB1363), the 2007 Judicial Council reforms (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/102607itemD.pdf), or the findings of 2009 Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes (https://sooo.senate.ca.gov/sites/sooo.senate.ca.gov/files/ombudsmanreport10_29.pdf)
The result is the on going daily abuse of conservatees, from sexual assaults, to isolation, to stealing the estate and clearly no body cares. CA encourages reporting of abuse (a crime) to social workers who are often bound by federal confidentiality resulting in 75% of reported cases never getting to law enforcement. CA is one of 3 states (along with Alaska and South Dakota) that use this fundamentally flawed reporting process.

**Q2** Pick your Master Plan for Aging goal(s): [Check the goal(s) your recommendation aims to fulfill. View MPA Framework document for reference]

**Goal 4: Economic Security and Safety. We will have economic security and be safe from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and natural disasters and emergencies throughout our lives.**

**Q3** Choose your MPA Framework objective: [Check the objective(s) your recommendation will accomplish. View MPA Framework document for reference.]

**Objective 1.1: Californians will have access to the help we need to live in the homes and communities we choose as we age.**

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**Objective 1.2: Californians of all ages will be prepared for the challenges and rewards of caring for an aging loved-one, with access to the resources and support we need.**

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**Objective 3.1: Californians will live in communities with policies and programs that promote well-being throughout our lifespans.**

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**Objective 3.2: Californians will have access to quality, affordable, and person-centered health care through delivery systems that are age-friendly, dementia-friendly and disability-friendly.**

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**Objective 4.1: Californians will be economically secure throughout our life span with access to housing, food, and income as we age.**

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**Objective 4.2: Californians will be protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation as we age.**

**Q4** Outline your recommendation: [In one to two sentences, sketch out your idea for the Master Plan for Aging.]

Start treating abuse as a crime. Enforce the existing policies. Enact appropriate consequences when existing policies are not followed

**Q5** Identify and quantify your target population: [Describe which groups of Californians will be impacted by this recommendation, with numbers if available.]

Every conservatee especially those that have a state licensed professional fiduciary as a conservator

**Q6** Share your recommendations for an age-friendly California: [Insert detailed bullet points describing your Master Plan for Aging ideas.]

Conservatees are actually treated as a human being not the keys to an estate to be spent down as rapidly as possilble

**Q7** Provide any supporting evidence for your recommendation: [Add links or summaries of research evidence that support your unique vision.]

https://www.amazon.com/Guardians-Julie-Belshe/dp/B07KNN8B8W/ref=sr_1_2?
keywords=The+Guardians+2019&qid=1579071255&sr=8-2
http://www.coalition4rights.com/

**Q8** Give examples of local, state or national initiatives that can be used as an example of best practices: [Provide any available links and sources.] Local: State: National: Other:

County: Could each implement the American Bar Association Volunteer Conservatorship Oversight Program
State: Could fund the reforms that have been documented but unfunded for 15 years. Also make clarifying amendments to the existing Probate Code to address the widespread abusive practices. Add consequences for failing to follow the Probate Code as the Penal Code and Motor Vehicle Code both have. With consequences there is zero incentive to follow the code.

**Q9** Provide a roadmap to implementation: [Insert any actions state agencies, legislators, counties, local government, or philanthropy can take to move this recommendation forward. Some of the entities listed below may or may not be applicable to each recommendation.] State Agencies/Departments: [action to be taken by Governor or specific state agencies] State Legislature: [legislation needed to implement recommendation] Local Government: Federal Government: Private Sector: Community-Based Organizations: Philanthropy: Other:

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**Q10** Identify person-centered metrics: [What are the individual measures of inputs or outcomes that can be used to predict your recommended action's impact on people.]

Nobody is collecting even basic data like the number of conservatees. Without any baseline data measuring the improvements will be meaningless.

**Q11** Measuring Success: [Describe specific metrics that could be used to empirically measure the effectiveness of your recommendation]

If the conservatees were treated as the code specifies that would be a huge succes

**Q12** Measuring Success: [How would we know that the implementation of your recommendation is successful?]   **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q13** Provide data sources: [What existing data can be used to measure success or progress?]: Existing data sources: [specify datasets, variables, and data owner/location] Suggestions for data collection to evaluate implementation of this goal when no data sources exist:   **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q14** Identify potential costs and/or savings: [Provide any research, actuarial analysis or other evidence of the cost of, or potential savings from, implementing your recommendation.]   **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q15** Prioritize your recommendation: [How would you prioritize your recommendation relative to other needs/priorities?]   **High**

**Q16** Contact information: [Let's stay in touch!]

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