Protecting the Rights of Long Term Care Residents

WHEN:

Wednesday, November 16, 11am-12pm PT

WHERE:

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WHY:

"Nursing homes must have a plan to support residents' right to vote," according to an October 5 memo from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Patients.

But advocates of older adults and people with disabilities are worried those rights are not always met, especially in the wake of the pandemic. And the right to vote is only one in a long list of long term care residents' rights, including the right to health care and the right to quality of life. With the highest COVID 19 fatality rates of any group, and the toxic effects of prolonged isolation due to pandemic quarantines, older adults, people with disabilities, and their advocates are working with the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to make sure those rights are met.

WHO:

- Blanca Castro, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Jerry Kirouac, Coordinator, PSA 2, Area 2 Agency on Aging/Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Hagar Dickman, Staff Attorney, California Justice in Aging
- Two long term care residents, story tellers
- **Dr. Anna Chodos**, Associate Professor of Medicine, General Internal Medicine, Zuckerberg San Francisco General, UCSF and Geriatrics, Medicine, UCSF

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