



LeadingAge CA Sponsored Bill AB 2694 Signed by Governor

Today, Governor Gavin Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 2694](#) (Ward), a key piece of legislation proudly sponsored by LeadingAge California, which will ensure the consistent application of density bonus laws to the development of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs), commonly known as Assisted Living.

“Over the past five years, California has lost 5,000 nursing home beds, underscoring a shift in consumer preferences toward more community-centered, home-like environments such as assisted living,” said Meghan Rose, General Counsel and Chief Government Affairs Officer of LeadingAge California. “AB 2694 is a pivotal solution, ensuring Californians can access supportive care they need, in settings that honor their independence and freedom to age in the setting of their choice.”

With the signing of this bill, California takes a significant step toward expanding the availability of assisted living options, addressing the diverse and evolving needs of its rapidly growing older adult population. We are deeply grateful to Governor Newsom and Assemblymember Ward for their steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of older adults across the state.