

Addressing the Economic Needs of Older Californians:

“Ask the Candidates/ Policymakers Guide”

1. Have you heard of the Elder Index?
2. Do you support its adoption by the state (or county or city)?
3. Did you know that the Federal Poverty Guidelines are based on the cost of a 1962 barebones food diet and are the same dollar amount across the country?”
4. Did you know that x number of seniors are struggling to make ends meet in California/your county but not officially counted by the Federal Poverty Guidelines?
5. Did you know that Supplemental Security Income – the income support program for our state’s most vulnerable seniors, the blind and disabled – does not pay enough to bring seniors above the official poverty line?