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## **LAS' Community Celebration at Fairyland**

On July 28, 2022, Legal Assistance for Seniors hosted its first in-person community gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020. Hosted at Children's Fairyland in Oakland, LAS gathered together staff, community members and local government leaders from around Alameda County to celebrate LAS' successes and recognize its broad base of supporters. Approximately 225 individuals attended the event sponsored by two dozen organizations that collectively donated over \$50,000 to LAS, not counting ticket sales.

Fairyland was selected as the venue to emphasize the intergenerational focus and effects of LAS' services, which include guardianship of minor children, public benefits, health law, Medicare counseling, legal services for immigrants, conservatorships, elder abuse restraining orders, housing, and homelessness prevention. Everything at Fairyland on the evening of July 28, from catering by Pinx to the music by Davey D and storytelling by Mr. Limata, was a smashing success. Even the weather cooperated in Oakland that night.

Among those speaking at the program were Alameda County Board President and Supervisor Keith Carson and Chairperson of the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Aging Bryan Ricks. Representatives from Supervisor Dave Brown's Office and Oakland City Councilmember Carroll Fife's Office spoke about the importance of organizations such as LAS in protecting the rights and dignity of seniors.

*"LAS has helped older adults weather the pandemic storm, and we wanted to*

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For more information about those who sponsored and participated, please visit our website at: <https://www.lashicap.org/events/las-community-celebration/>





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Watch LAS' new video about our Housing Legal Program

Legal Assistance for Seniors provides advice and representation to senior tenants at risk of losing their housing due to issues like habitability, reasonable accommodations, rent increases, unlawful detainers, and other matters that affect their ability to live safely in their community. We strive to ensure that those in greatest need are able to find our services by providing community education throughout Alameda County and by partnering with other non-profit and government organizations.

LAS' services have been a critical part of the system of care for Alameda County older adults for over 45 years. We provide free legal services, ranging from full representation to counsel and advice, to older adults in Alameda County. LAS primarily serves clients who are elderly, overwhelmingly low-income, and from communities of color. In fiscal year 2022-21, LAS provided housing legal services to over 200 individuals, 68% of whom were low-income and 49% of whom had a disability. Our services are both unique and vital to improving and sustaining the stability of the most marginalized communities in Alameda County.

We would like to specially thank Kathleen Thaete, featured in this video, for her dedicated work as part of the housing legal team at LAS over the past two years.

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congratulating Kathleen on her new role and for her steadfast commitment to advocacy.

**Please Donate to LAS**

Your gift helps LAS fulfill our mission to ensure the independence and dignity of seniors.

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### **LAS' Fall Webinar Series on Elder Abuse**

Legal Assistance for Seniors would like to invite you to attend our Fall Webinar Series on Elder Abuse. Please Register Today! Sessions will be held online from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and are planned for October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

These webinars are being produced in partnership with Golden Gate University to provide information to seniors, their service providers and care givers.

You may attend one or more webinars without cost, though a suggested contribution of \$25 per webinar would be greatly appreciated to help LAS continue to bring



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We would also like to take this opportunity and thank our top event sponsor for continued encouragement and support.



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#### LAS would also like to thank:

- **Golden Gate University**, for co-hosting the webinar series and providing technical assistance and support.
- **Alameda County Area Agency on Aging**, for sustained program support.
- **East Bay Foundation on Aging**, for their partnership with LAS.

#### Watch Our YouTube Channel

for Content on Issues Affecting Seniors from Our Webinar Series

LAS' YouTube Channel is building original content that may be helpful to seniors, their caregivers and family members. If you did not have the opportunity to attend any of the seminars from our 2021 Webinar Series on Elder Abuse, we encourage you to visit our LAS YouTube Channel:

#### Subscribe to LAS on YouTube

The content from our 2021 series includes such topics as: working with caregivers; money management plans for aging adults; understanding the role of the guardian ad litem; and victims' rights in the criminal justice system. Each of these four webinar sessions were attended by over 100 individuals each, and received an average score of 4.6 out of 5.0 from the 97 individuals who responded to last year's survey. We'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank our primary host, Golden Gate University, and our sponsors, for their role in helping to produce such a widely attended and thought-provoking series.

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