



CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (CCLTSS)

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Lance Robertson, Administrator and Assistant Secretary of Aging
Administration for Community Living
330 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20201
VIA EMAIL: RAISEAct@acl.hhs.gov

RE: NOMINATION OF DR. DONNA BENTON FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Administrator Robertson:

The California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports is comprised of 37 statewide aging and disability and allied organizations that promote dignity and independence in long-term living. Our [members](#) include advocates, providers, labor and health insurers and collectively we represent millions of California seniors and people with disabilities and those who provide health, social services and housing. We are writing to nominate Dr. Donna Benton for the RAISE Family Caregivers Advisory Council because she is a deeply experienced leader and expert in family caregiving policy.

Dr. Benton represents several constituencies: (a) family caregivers; (b) health care and social services providers; (c) providers of LTSS and (d) expert in the areas of gerontology, elder abuse, aging policy, family caregiver policy, behavioral health, research, long-term care integration and family leave policies.

Dr. Benton is a Research Associate Professor in Gerontology at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. She is a clinical psychologist and Director of the University of Southern California Family Caregiver Support Center and the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center. Dr. Benton has chaired the Caregiver Workgroup and the Technology Committee of the California Long-Term Care Coordinating Council; served as President of the Association of California Caregiver Resource Centers; been a member of the California Commission on Aging and been a leader in a number of other relevant professional roles. She has served for 14 years as a member of the California Employment Development Department Family Leave Task Force as well as 8 years as a member of the AARP Multicultural Advisory Board. Since 2016, Dr. Benton has chaired the California Task Force on Family Caregiving, which has recently released their [comprehensive final report](#) with recommendations and next steps to improve support for family caregiving in California.

Dr. Benton is a highly qualified leader who would make an excellent contribution to the Family Caregivers Advisory Council. She would serve the Council with distinction and we are proud to nominate her for this important role.

Sincerely,

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