

# Food Policy & SSI Reform

Help Marin join the statewide CA4SSI effort to lift SSI recipients out of poverty

Thursday April 28 • 7:30 am

Join us for a trip to Sacramento to testify at a CA Senate budget hearing about SSI/SSP. We need to ask our state leaders to raise benefit amounts!

## The issue

Did you know that \$889 is the maximum monthly benefit for an individual living on SSI/SSP? SSI, Supplemental Security Income, is income assistance for people who are 65+, blind, or disabled.

That's below the Federal Poverty Level, and less than half of what an average 1BR apartment costs in Marin! It's nowhere near enough to make ends meet. There are 3,700 people living on SSI/SSP in Marin, and 1,300 are above the age of 65.

## The AAI Event

On April 28th the CA Senate is holding a Budget Hearing on this issue. It's our opportunity to tell them how hard it is to make ends meet on \$889 a month, and to urge them to restore the cuts that have been made since 2009.

The AAI Nutrition Group will be providing a bus (and lunch) to take advocates to Sacramento on April 28th to attend a Senate Budget Committee meeting where SSI will be discussed. Please join us!

## What we're asking the Legislature to do

Since 2009, SSI/SSP benefit amounts have been cut, while the cost of living has increased. No cost of living adjustment has been given for 7 years.

We are requesting that the CA Legislature restore both the grant cuts and the cost of living adjustment.



Reserve your spot on the bus by contacting  
**Becky Gershon**  
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**When:** Thursday April 28 (all day)  
Bus pick-up at 7:30am  
Return in early afternoon

**Where:** Details on bus pickup location will be determined closer to the event. Please register with Becky Gershon (contact above) to stay updated.

**Lunch:** Lunch and snacks will be provided

## To learn more

You can read more about our request to the California State Legislature on this [fact sheet](#).

Read more about the [CA4SSI coalition](#).

### About Marin Aging Action Initiative

Marin Aging Action Initiative is a collective effort of over 65 different agencies, grassroots organizations, commissions and neighborhood groups, funded by the County of Marin, and coordinated by MarinSpace.

For more information, visit [AgingActionInitiative.org](http://AgingActionInitiative.org)

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