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## Celebrating 45 Years of Advancing Justice for Older Adults

Justice in Aging turns 45 years old this year. That's nearly half a century of fighting senior poverty and advancing the rights of low-income older adults. [Watch the video](#) we created to mark the occasion. Also, on March 30, we celebrated this milestone with a fundraising event in Los Angeles and honored Fernando Torres-Gil with the Paul Nathanson Distinguished Advocate Award. It was a wonderful evening! [View photos here](#).

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## Fighting Homelessness by Increasing Access to SSI

Justice in Aging is launching a new project designed to fight homelessness among California seniors, and welcomed a new attorney last month to run this project. We're pleased to welcome Jenny Chung Mejia to our Los Angeles office. She'll be working to increase access to and utilization of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits among

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older adults in California, with a special emphasis on using SSI to prevent homelessness among this population. With the highest rate of senior poverty in the nation, and with senior homelessness on the rise, this project provides a great opportunity to deepen our impact in California. Jenny will be working with partners and existing groups working on SSI to build a strong coalition of advocates who are informed about and trained in the details of the SSI program. [Read her full bio.](#)

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## AHCA Stopped (For Now)

On March 24, the Speaker of the House pulled the American Health Care Act (AHCA) from the House floor moments before the vote because it lacked sufficient support to pass. The AHCA was the GOP's replacement bill for the Affordable Care Act, and would have been an all-out assault on the health and long-term care needs of older adults. The bill failed because of overwhelming opposition by advocates, the public, and lawmakers. [Read Justice in Aging's statement](#) on the failed bill. Though the demise of this bill was a clear victory, we will still need to be ready to defend older adults' healthcare for the foreseeable future. There are reports that members of Congress continue to work with the White House on a similar bill that could be even worse for older adults. Stay tuned.

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## Ensuring Nursing Home Regulations Work for Residents

The revised nursing home regulations that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released last fall contain important consumer protections. Advocates need to know how to ensure the regulations are being implemented properly. With our partners at Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care and the Center for Medicare Advocacy, we've put together [a series of short issue briefs](#) on different aspects of the regulations. You can [view a webinar on the regulations](#). And [sign up for a new webinar](#) hosted by CMA.

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