

Meeting with Staff

Most of the appointments ASA scheduled for summit and lobby day participants who registered in advance are with staff people in the Assembly and Senate offices. Do not be disappointed if you are meeting with a staff member instead of your actual Assembly Member or Senator. The Members are busy during the day with floor sessions and committee meetings. Staff members are very influential when members go looking for advice on an issue, so the time you spend with a staff member is very important.

Last-Minute Registration – No Confirmed Appointment

ASA contacted each office representing a pre-registered participant in the lobby day at least twice – and sometimes much more often. Unfortunately, not every office responded before the end of the day on Friday. We will keep working on confirmations Monday morning, but you may have to do a “drop-in” visit. See below for details. If you registered within the last few days, we may not have been in touch with your Representatives at all. That means you will definitely be doing a drop-in visit.

Drop-In Visits

Obviously, it is best to see your representatives or staff members with an appointment, but this is not always possible on a single-day event like this. If you do not have a confirmed appointment for one or both of your Representatives, you can still do a drop-in visit. This means showing up unannounced and asking for an appointment later that day or to see someone to discuss medical cannabis right away. This is not unusual in the Capitol. Do not be reluctant to politely request a same-day or immediate meeting with a staff member.

- Always be polite when requesting a meeting with staff on the same day or on the spot.
- Be persistent (but polite) in getting some time with staff. Ask for an appointment now or later with an appropriate staff person. If there is no one available, remind the receptionist that you are a constituent who resides in the representative’s District and in town for one day only. Ask again.
- Assure the staff member that you only need a little time.
- You are more likely to get a meeting now or later when you seem reasonable, respectful, and determined.
- Be sure to get the name of the person with whom you will be meeting or following up. Ask for a business card.
- If you cannot see someone now or later, drop off the lobby materials, and get the name or business card of someone with whom you should follow up.

Feedback Forms

Be sure to complete a feedback form for your visit, even if you do not finally end up meeting with anyone in the office. We need this information to know where members are on issues and where we need to focus attention. Bring the feedback form to the VIP Reception at 5:30 in the Scandal Lounge at the Citizen Hotel at 926 J Street (at 10th Street).



August 4, 2014 Sacramento, California

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California Citizen Lobby Day August 4, 2014 Sacramento

Welcome to the California Citizen Lobby Day!

Thank you for participating in this important event. Grassroots advocacy makes a difference. The medical cannabis community achieves the best outcomes when well-informed, well-trained citizen advocates have a seat at the table while law-makers debate laws that affect them. Previous lobby days have helped push legislation forward, stop bad bills, and build legislative capacity for medical cannabis advocates. Your efforts today are an important part of that ongoing effort.

The California Citizen Lobby Day is sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Collective Alliance, OrganiCann, SPARC, Buds and Roses, Peace in Medicine, and the Emerald Growers Association.



Following our lobbying efforts, join us at 5:30 PM in the Scandal Lounge at the Citizen Hotel for a VIP reception honoring Assembly Member Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco). Assembly Member Ammiano, a champion of medical cannabis patients, is serving his last term in the state legislature. We want to show our gratitude for his commitment to this issue. Several lawmakers will be attending the reception, along with Assembly Member Ammiano.

Other Things to Do in the Capitol and Sacramento

Capitol Tours - Public tours are conducted on the hour from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For information, contact the Tour Office: (916) 324-0333.

Basement Theatre - Films shown daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Capitol Park - The beautiful, forty-acre Capitol Park is on the east side of the Capitol Building and spans 12 city blocks. The park includes hundreds of species of trees, shrubs, and flowers, as well as numerous monuments and memorials.

Old Sacramento - Shops, restaurants, museums, and other attractions done up in Gold Rush era décor. Located at 2nd Street and I Street, approximately one mile from the Capitol Building.

Agenda

9:00 AM - Terrace Ballroom, 7th Floor, Citizen Hotel, 926 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- Meeting Assignments
- Legislative Briefing - ASA CA Director Don Duncan
 - o SB 1262 - Doctors and commercial medical cannabis licensing
 - o SB 1193 - Law enforcement evidence handling and return of property
 - o Local Campaigns - Support for local ordinances, initiatives, and referenda
 - o The Medical Marijuana Organ Transplant Act
- Citizen Lobby Training
- Guest Speaker: Senator Lou Correa

12:00 PM

- Lunch on your own

1:00 PM - West Steps, California Capitol Building, 10th St, between L and N St

- Group picture on the West Steps of the Capitol Building

1:30 - 5:00 PM - California Capitol Building

- Meetings with Assembly Members & Senators
- Free time in downtown

5:30 PM - Scandal Lounge, Mezzanine Level, Citizen Hotel, 926 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- VIP Reception honoring Assembly Member Tom Ammiano

Logistics

Everyone attending from your Senate and Assembly District will visit the representative's offices at the same time. To be sure everyone is together, meet at 1:00 PM on the west steps of the Capitol Building on 10th Street between L Street and N Street. That way you can meet up with everyone from your District. Be sure that everyone in your group goes to the offices together.

Finding offices: Note that Assembly offices are on one side of the building, and Senate offices are on the other. Look for the signs to be sure you are looking for the office on the right side of the building. If the room number is four digits long, the office is located in the new part of the Capitol Building. The new part has the large elevator lobby and a big golden bear in the hallway on the ground floor. If the room number for your appointment is three digits, the office is located in the old building. That is the part of the Capitol Building with the rotunda and dome. There is an information desk on the ground floor in the rotunda, if you need help.