Assemblyman Nestande visits the Five Star Club

California State Assemblyman Brian Nestande recently visited the Eisenhower Five Star Club to announce his support for Assembly Bill 885 that will help ensure a steady stream of funds for organizations that serve California's elderly. The not-for-profit Five Star Club specializes in adult day care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other disabilities.

AB 885 would require the state to continue to provide federal funds to California senior centers, even when there is a delay in the state budget process. Currently, if a state budget has not been passed, funding, which emanates from the federal Older Americans Act, for non-profit senior centers is suspended. The process deprives many of California's elderly, particularly those who are disabled, from critical support services. "Assisting individuals with disabilities so they may live a full and freer life should be a priority for California," Nestande said.

Nestande was joined by Ed Walsh, director of the Riverside County Office on Aging and Eisenhower's Stacy Smith, Manager, Five Star Club. "We are the largest adult day care center in the Coachella Valley, and a vital resource for many families in the community," Smith said. "Our members have an opportunity to participate in activities that stimulate their brains, and at the same time enjoy the routine and sense of security they need. This bill will help secure funding for centers like ours that provide critical daily services."

For more information about the Five Star Club, please call 760-836-0232.

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