

When the End of Life Option Act was signed by Governor Jerry Brown, and went into effect on June 9, 2016, it laid a solid foundation for all Californians to be supported in their end of life wishes. It represents a major step forward in the nationwide effort to change state laws to better reflect humane values. The

new law was patterned after the country's first ground-breaking law, Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, in effect since 1997. With the new law, California became the 7th and the largest state in the country to allow licensed physicians to legally prescribe a lethal dose of medication to decisionally-capable, terminally ill patients, 18 years or older, thoughtfully requesting medical aid in dying.

"In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death. I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others."

- Governor  
Jerry Brown

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## HOW TO CONTACT EOLCCA

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through  
end of life choices



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## WHO WE ARE

End of Life Choices California (EOLCCA) was founded as a nonprofit organization in February 2019 out of an abiding belief that all Californians dealing with a terminal or chronic illness should have accurate, up-to-date information about, and access to, all available options concerning their end of life wishes.

EOLCCA is a group of educated and passionate people with decades of experience between us in end-of-life care. We have retired physicians, nurses, social work, business people and hospice volunteers on our team. It is our belief that everyone has the right to a peaceful death. We also believe that everyone, regardless of whether they are facing the end of life, should know all their end of life options.

**EOLCCA provides all services of personal support and education about end of life choice, at no charge, through a dedicated team of volunteers. We are funded by private donations and foundation support.**

## WHAT WE DO

EOLCCA provides information, support, resources and guidance on end of life options to anyone and/or their family seeking help navigating a serious or terminal illness, or simply wanting more information for future planning.

When you contact EOLCCA, you will have the opportunity to talk with a Client Advocate Volunteer who will focus on your specific needs. Depending on your requirements and preferences, the volunteer can meet with you to provide pertinent information and non-judgmental guidance as you explore all end of life options. We tailor our service to you and your family according to whichever phase of this difficult transition you are in.

EOLCCA wants you to have all the information you need so you can choose how your dying process will go, consistent with your own values and beliefs.

EOLCCA provides education to the public and to the medical community about all end of life choices, including Medical Aid in Dying, Voluntary Stopping Eating & Drinking (VSED), Declining Unwanted Medical Treatment, and Hospice and Palliative Care.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### SCHEDULE A SPEAKER

Invite EOLCCA to provide your group with a presentation and discussion on the following topics:

- Advance Care Planning, including Living Will, POLST, and DNR.
- Accessing California's End of Life Option Act and all other end of life choices.
- Tips for having the conversation with physicians and loved ones about your end of life wishes.

### MAKE A DONATION

Please help, so we can help. All donations are welcome. Go to [www.endoflifechoicesca.org](http://www.endoflifechoicesca.org) to make an online gift, or mail a check to the address on the back. Thank you!

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER

We are always looking for new people to join our team and help advance the work of EOLCCA. We have several volunteer trainings every year. Please let us know you are interested.

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