

**Human Rights Commission to Present April 16  
Free Screening of Film “Secrets in America” Followed by  
Panel Discussion regarding Scams that Target Seniors**

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Seniors are vulnerable to physical, emotional and financial abuse!

Learn how to protect yourself or your loved ones this weekend when the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission presents a free screening of the film “Secrets in America: The Crisis of Elder Abuse.”

The **Saturday, April 16** event will be held from **4 p.m. - 6 p.m.** at the Mizell Senior Center, 480 S. Sunrise Way. A panel discussion about scams that target seniors will follow the film.

The distinguished panel includes Robin Allen, Esq., Assistant District Attorney Crimes Against Seniors/Elder Abuse, Los Angeles County, Sgt. Walter Combs, Fraud Detective Supervisor, Palm Springs Police Department, Gregg Sturtevant, Social Services Supervisor, Adult Protective Services and Michele Wilham, Riverside County Office on Aging.

The film was created in response to a news conference held in Stanislaus County where the Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance announced reported cases of abuse were up nearly 50 percent over the past four to five years. As a result, seed money was solicited from Kaiser Permanente and the Stanislaus County Foundation to develop the half hour film.

“Elder abuse and scams targeted at senior citizens have become increasingly more common,” according to Sidney Craig, Chair of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission. “I encourage the many seniors in our community and their loved ones to view this film and participate in the important panel discussion that will follow. It’s up to us to inform ourselves about this real problem in our society.”