

August 11, 2015

Swimming Pool Access for County Residents Living in Unincorporated Areas

As you know, in our rural County, there are many residents that do not live in a City or have a CSD representing them for their recreational needs. It is up to the County to help provide these services.

Because the County does not own or operate a public pool, the City of Placerville operates a pool whose users have turned out to be *PRIMARILY COUNTY RESIDENTS*. The past few years, the County has supplemented the City of Placerville's pool operational budget by providing them funding to extend the pool season until after Labor Day. This year that did not happen, and the pool has closed for the season as of two days ago. *THE POOL WAS OPEN ONLY 10 WEEKS THIS YEAR!* **We are here today to ask you, as you prepare the 2015-16 budget, to please look long range at this issue and address it in the budget.**

Our other request is that you make it a priority to follow through on the **recommendations made in the Parks and Trails Master Plan and form a collaborative group of not only County and City representatives, but to also include members of the public** in these meetings, to address these issues. During the swim season, many pool users had good ideas on how to make extending the swim season more cost effective. ***We are more than willing to work with the City and County on this!***

Also, we would like to schedule a meeting with each of you to provide further input and discuss these issues.

The following is taken from the El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan, dated March 27, 2012

Page 110 - Recreation Facilities - Needs

A pool in the County is needed and expansion to access to existing area pools also needs to occur.

Page 113 – Swimming Pool

None of the County parks has a swimming pool. County residents utilize pools owned and operated by the City of Placerville, the El Dorado Hills CSD, and the Cameron Park CSD. The El Dorado Hills CSD and Cameron Park CSD pools were designed with capacity for CSD residents. **Only the Placerville Aquatics Center was built with capacity intended to serve non-residents. The County contributed \$300,000 to the project in recognition that it would serve residents of the unincorporated communities.** The YMCA and swim leagues also use the pools at the three area high schools on a very limited basis during the summer months.

The main need for pool facilities expressed repeatedly during the community input process is that they are not available on a year-round basis. The City of Placerville Aquatic Center is heavily used by non-city residents in the summer, but closes mid-August. A collaborative established comprising County and City representatives as well as members of the public to quantify the demand for extending the pool season, and the specific types of programs that should be offered in order to make the extended season cost-effective. Strategies for minimizing operational and staffing costs during an extended season should also be explored, as well as funding options.

Bonnie Morse West
On Behalf of the Many Placerville City Pool Users

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**PLACERVILLE AQUATIC CENTER
SUMMER 2013 RESIDENCY SURVEY**

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

	#	% of TOTAL
PLACERVILLE	920	62%
<i>Inside City Limits</i>	389	26%
Outside City Limits	517	35%
Unknown or declined to state	14	1%
EL DORADO COUNTY (non-Placerville)	569	38%
Cameron Park/Shingle Springs/EDH/Rescue	46	3%
Camino	93	6%
Coloma/Lotus/Cool	21	1%
Diamond Springs/El Dorado	188	13%
Garden Valley/Georgetown/Kelsey	31	2%
Pleasant Valley/Somerset/Fairplay/Grizzly Flat	40	3%
South Lake Tahoe/Strawberry/Kyburz	11	1%
Pollock Pines	139	9%
CALIFORNIA (non-El Dorado County)	5	0%
OUT OF STATE	0	0%
FOREIGN	0	0%
TOTAL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS	1494	

DROP-IN PARTICIPANTS

(July 9 - August 5, 2013)

	# of Visitors	% of TOTAL
PLACERVILLE	1550	55%
<i>Inside City Limits</i>	606	21%
Outside City Limits	879	31%
Unknown or declined to state	65	2%
EL DORADO COUNTY (non-Placerville)	1044	37%
Cameron Park/Shingle Springs/EDH/Rescue	159	6%
Camino	183	6%
Coloma/Lotus/Cool	22	1%
Diamond Springs/El Dorado	326	11%
Garden Valley/Georgetown/Kelsey	50	2%
Pleasant Valley/Somerset/Fairplay/Grizzly Flat	73	3%
South Lake Tahoe/Strawberry/Kyburz	27	1%
Pollock Pines	204	7%
CALIFORNIA (non-El Dorado County)	148	5%
OUT OF STATE	78	3%
FOREIGN	18	1%
TOTAL DROP-IN VISITORS	2838	

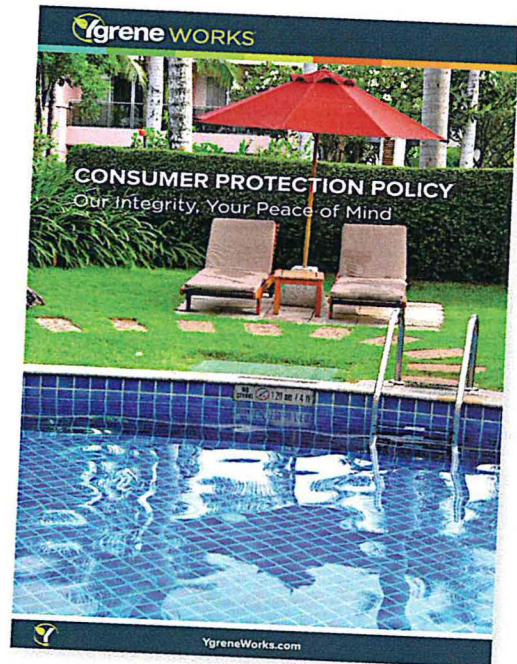
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Consumer Protections

Ygrene strives to do what's right for property owners and is committed to ensuring the highest level of consumer protections and lending practices in the industry.

Our Consumer Protection Policy includes:

- Contractor Registration, Training and Certification
- Payment Protection for Property Owners
- Safer, More Flexible Financing Platform
- Consumer Disclosures
- Three-day Right to Cancel
- Energy-efficient Product Verification
- Pricing Controls
- Permit Verification
- Consumer Identity Confirmation
- Protections for Seniors and ESL
- Privacy
- Dispute Resolution



Consumer Disclosures

We have established policies and procedures to ensure property owners are fully informed of the nature of the financial transaction they are entering into. The following special notices help educate property owners of their legal rights and protections, every step of the way:

- Notice to Lender of Proposed Special Tax Lien
- Property Owner's Acknowledgment of Sole Responsibility to Deal with Lenders
- Notice of Special Tax Lien
- Financing Agreement/Unanimous Approval Agreement
- Closing Statement (includes all fees, APR/APY, capitalized interest and amortization table)
- Assignment of Rights to Receive Proceeds

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Quality Assurance and Control

Ygrene is committed to actively managing the internal processes and protocols necessary to maintain the integrity of our Program and providing property owners with the highest level of oversight and protection.

We have incorporated a layered review system that begins with an extensive evaluation of the contractor company and personnel, extends to transaction level due diligence, and is followed by post closing quality control. Our goal is to mitigate any risk associated with our business model as early as possible, and to diligently address any potential findings that may create risk for consumers, our government partners or our company.

- 1. Contractor Approval and Training:** Before contractors can become active within the Program, they must apply, register and meet all Program requirements before receiving Ygrene Certified Contractor status. This process includes a review of current and historical information on the individual contractor's company and key employees, adherence to industry standards and practices, and validation of all licensures, including bonding, workers' compensation and other active licenses. All contractors undergo Ygrene Certified Training to ensure they can accurately support and represent the Program to property owners. Post approval, we periodically review the status of all Certified Contractors to determine they remain in good standing.
- 2. Contract Eligibility Review:** After the property owner has approved the project but before Ygrene has provided project authorization, our Operations team obtains, reviews and approves the contract and the measures under application for financing. The contract (signed by the property owner) must note the specific improvement and specifications, the related components and scope of work to be completed, and the associated costs. Once the contract meets acceptable guidelines for clean energy upgrades and/or protections, the project scope and eligibility can be approved and a Notice to Proceed is issued to the property owner and the contractor.
- 3. Building Department Review:** We require that the contractor obtain all required building permits prior to beginning a project. Upon project completion, a final inspection and sign off of the permitted work is obtained prior to the project funding. All documents are reviewed and signed by Ygrene Funding team as part of our pre-funding due diligence.
- 4. Property Owner Approval:** When the work is completed and the contractor submits a payment request, we provide the property owner with an Estimated Closing Statement to affirm their approval and satisfaction, and we require the property owner to sign the statement by electronic signature. The property owner's acknowledgement by e-signature indicates satisfaction of project completion and authorizes Ygrene to pay the contractor.
- 5. Funding Review and Approval:** The Ygrene Funding team conducts a final review of all contract documents, site inspections and property owner payment authorizations before proceeding with funding.

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Jodee Birks, Butte County

"My 25-year-old son has Kabuki syndrome, a rare disorder that affects mental and physical development. I am my son's homecare provider, and his health and safety are my top priority. The 7% cut to IHSS has made it impossible for my family to replace our old, unreliable car, causing my son to sometimes miss doctors' appointments. Poverty-level income and the stress that comes with it has made me feel like less of a contributor to my community. Ending the cut no matter what will make a big difference in my entire family's quality of life."



Roxanne Bender, El Dorado County

"I support my family of four on my IHSS income. My son, Jacob, who was born with a brain stem atrophy, is authorized for 283 hours. The 7% cut took \$180 per month away from our family. The only area of my household budget where I can cut back is my groceries, but that deprives Jacob of the nutritional foods that he needs, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and protein supplements. My son does not chew, so he requires specialty food that is different from the other members of our family. Cuts to IHSS are painful for families like mine who care for disabled loved ones who lack any ability to communicate or help themselves. I earn \$9 an hour for only nine of the 24 hours in a day, but he needs care 24/7. So how can lawmakers expect me to cut back 7% of the care I give?"

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Diane Dixon, Los Angeles County

"Basically, I am a parent of a child with a disability that's why I'm a care giver. I'm 64, my son is 45. We aren't getting any younger.

"We rely on the money I earn as his provider. It is hard to work outside of the home because my son needs my care. It is a struggle to get by in California. The rent is high.

"I love my son, I'd be there for him regardless. That's the way I've always been."



Maurilia Gutierrez, Los Angeles County

"I am single mom, and my consumer is my daughter. There was simply no possible way that I could have gotten some sort of an additional job outside of the home. I already work more hours than I am paid. Two years ago right before the cut I bought a new car, then the cut came and it became impossible to make ends meet and pay all of my bills on time. If those hours had never been cut if that money had come in, then that would be a different story. But my last two years have been hell: balancing late bill payments, and neglecting my own needs as a diabetic. The restoration of the 7% IHSS cut, and the promise of overtime as someone who expects to work more than 40 hours per week based on my daughter's increasingly demanding care needs, are extremely important to me."

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Maggie Galvan, Orange County

"My client is my mother. At her advanced age, she is unable to care for herself and her health has declined. She's had both hips replaced, and she is very fragile. The 7% cut hit us hard, and it unfairly deprives our family of the extra funds needed to care for my ailing mom. It's made it difficult for me to buy gas for my car to take her to her medical appointments, which she has about three days per week. She's my mom. The 7% puts me in a terrible position – work without pay, or not give her the care she needs."



Adrian Hardy, Plumas County

"My name is Adrian Hardy, and I am a homecare provider in Plumas County. I love my job, because helping people makes me happy. I care for two elderly people in my community. One of my clients has Alzheimer's and dementia, and the other is autistic. The 7% cut to IHSS hours has really hurt my client with autism. It has forced me to be with her less time, meaning she is getting less socialization and human interaction – both of which are crucial for people like her. To me, this is an issue of quality of life and dignity. End the 7% cut that's hurting the most vulnerable people in our communities!"

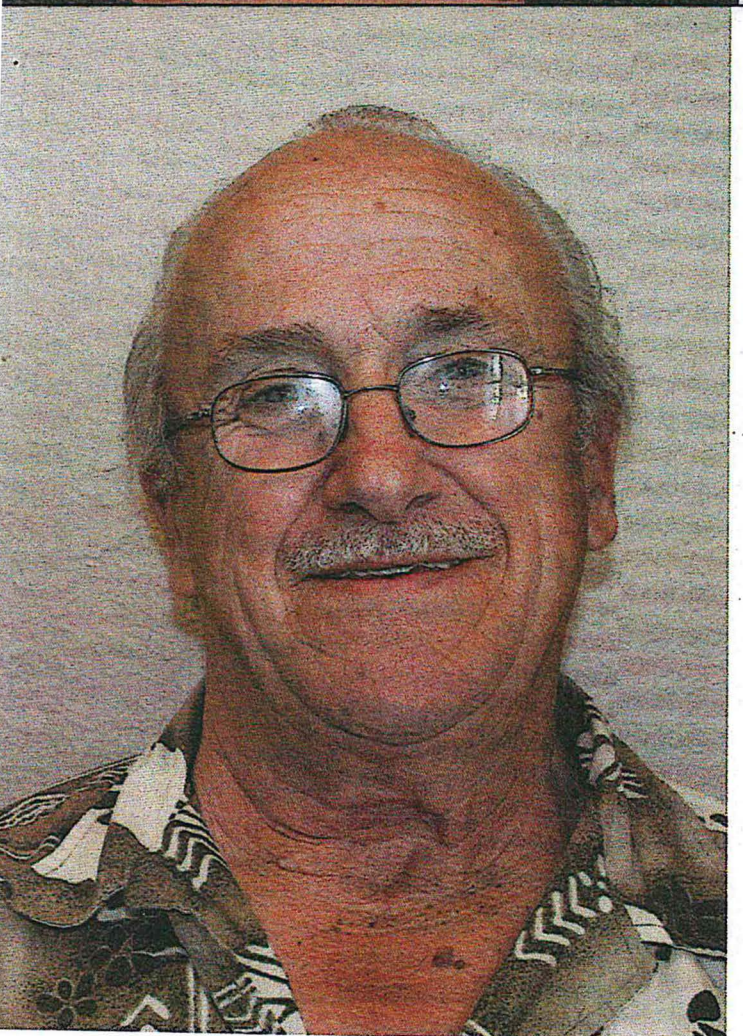


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Wendy Hayward, Nevada County

"I provide care for three people in Nevada County: my daughter Lucy who has spina bifida, an elderly woman, and a woman with multiple sclerosis (MS). About a year and a half ago, I was diagnosed with MS myself. While I have many good days, the 7% cut to my clients' hours has caused me a lot of stress. I work tirelessly to pay for the basic needs of my family, and to make sure my clients get the care they need in spite of the cut. But I've had to pick up other work to supplement the loss of income, which means I can't spend as much time with my clients as I would like to. Ending the 7% cut for good would allow me to give my clients 100% of the care they need, and I would be able to afford all of the things I need to care for my daughter."



Ronald Schmidt, Mariposa County

"I have been an IHSS caregiver in Mariposa County for eight years. I started as a homecare provider for my step-daughter who has Prader Willi syndrome. I enjoy the work, and I took to it quickly. Now, I am a Preferred Provider, which means I have about three to five clients at a time. I love that homecare is my full-time job, because I know how important it is for people in need. The 7% cut has really hurt me and my family. We have had to cut healthy food from our budget, activities for my step-daughter are much more rare, and we struggle to pay our bills. Permanently restoring IHSS hours would significantly improve our quality of life."

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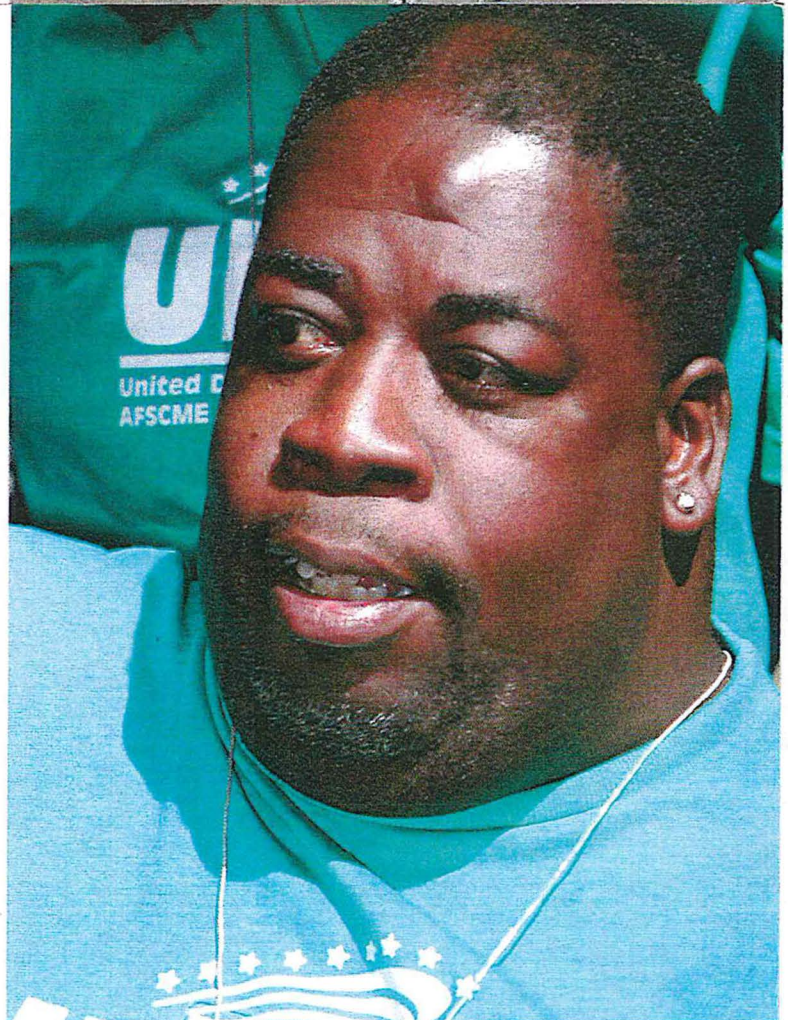
Maria Eugenia Godinez, Imperial County

"I am a single mother of two sons, one of whom is disabled and one who is still in high school. Caring for their needs is demanding, especially for my disabled son—he has epilepsy and is mostly non-verbal. He has many limitations, such as his inability to chew, which requires a special diet. With this cut we are far more limited in everything. All aspects of our lives, such as housing, food, and clothing, have been affected by the 7% cut."

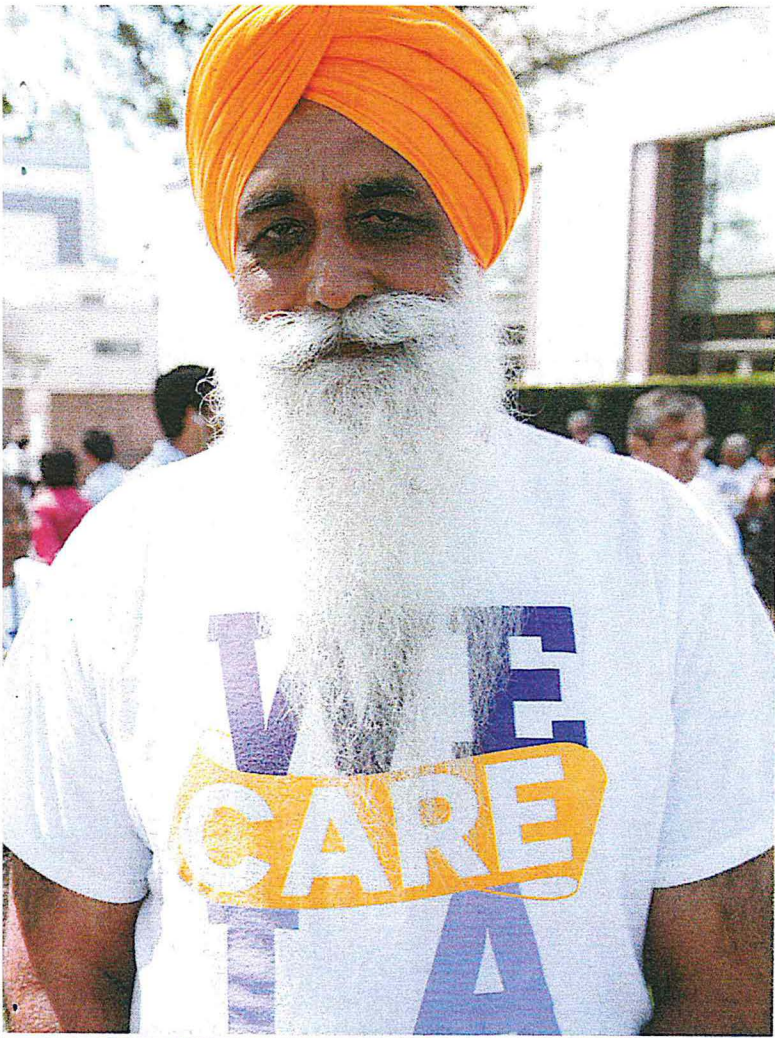


Wymon Johnson, Kern County

"My client and brother, Obie, is diabetic and lives with kidney failure. His conditions mean that he has to eat a highly-specialized diet. Accommodating his needs requires purchasing items like lactose-free milk and other things that are generally more expensive than conventional items. The 7% cut has affected us financially in terms of the groceries we purchase, and our transportation. My brother has dialysis appointments three times a week. With the high cost of gas, we have to limit our trips to other places to make sure that we can get him to his doctor's appointments. I didn't realize how much the 7% cut would impact us but it has—and all clients, my brother included, deserve to have their hours of care restored."



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Satnam Dhillon, Los Angeles County

"My daughter has Trisomy 9. I left my job to take care of her full-time. Since the cut, I work the additional hours unpaid. Right, now I am on the margins. If the 7% cut was restored I could take my daughter to a better dentist. She needs dental surgery."



Epifania Olivaria, Los Angeles County

"The cut two years ago truly undid my life. I had the maximum number of hours allotted. Then I did not, not because my consumer had less need, but because I was going to be paid less for doing the same amount of work. For instance, we have not gone out to dinner as a family to a sit down restaurant. Not a fancy one mind, you, just a restaurant where you sit down and others take care of you. It has been years since we have been able to do this. Can anyone in the state legislature say that they have had to make a similar sacrifice? Gas prices are much higher than ever, and even the simple things like getting around, that's harder. And that means less of everything, fresh fruit, and fresh vegetables. There isn't anything about my life that hasn't change."

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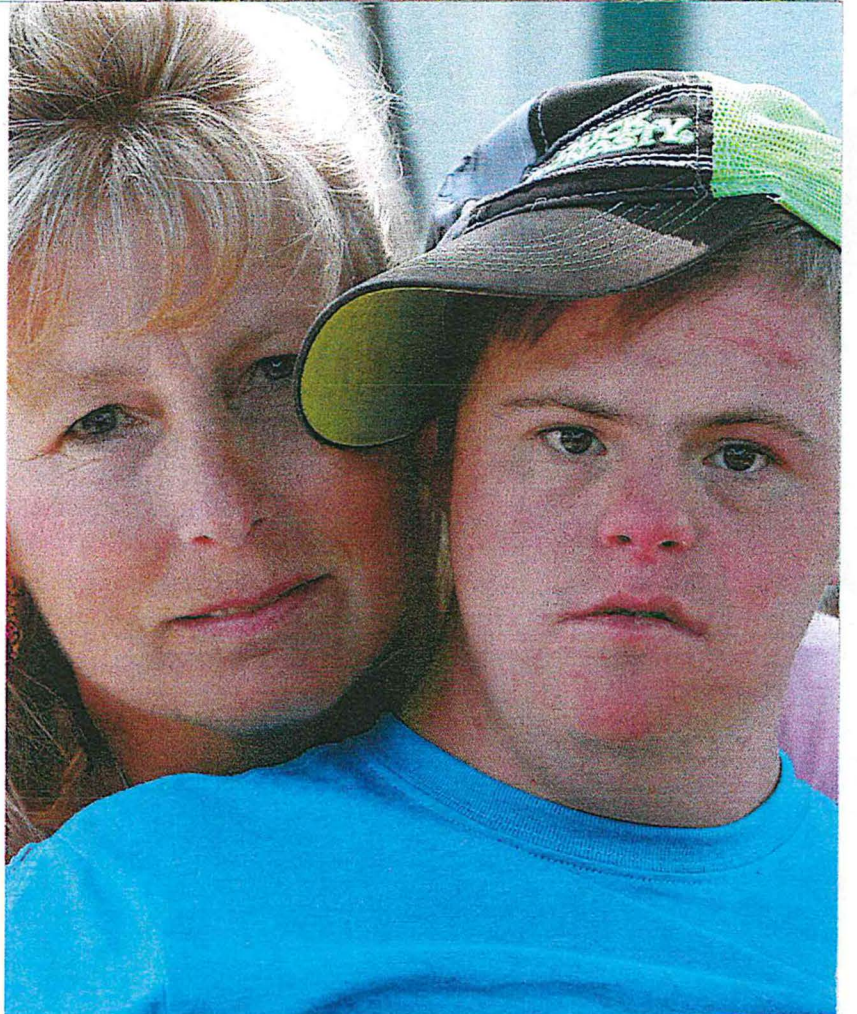
Cynthia Wilson, Madera County

"I have been a homecare worker since I was very young. I started by taking care of my elderly grandparents when they were no longer able to take care of each other—the care I provided them was so vital to their lives, and I was inspired to become an IHSS provider in 2009 in order to help a friend living with HIV. Right now, I am caring for two people I met through my church. I don't want to give up my work, because I know how much people in my community need quality in-home care, but the 7% cut has really hurt me financially. I rarely have enough money to pay all of my bills. But even more than that, the cut impacts my clients, and all IHSS recipients. People with disabilities and the elderly deserve quality care. Ending the cut for good will mean paying my bills and, more importantly, focusing on those who need my care."



Della Lundell, Merced County

"My client and son, Steven—who lives with Down syndrome—has lost approximately 20 hours of paid care per month due to the cuts. If the 7% were restored, not only would Steven receive 100% of the care he needs, but I would be paid for the care I provide. That would mean that my husband wouldn't have to work as much overtime, and we would have less stress over bills. There are also many hidden costs involved in Steven's care. Taking him out for a ride to ease him when he's restless requires gas. In order to prevent and to treat illness, we regularly take trips to the doctor's office. He's 24 years old. If he were a fully functioning adult, he would be paying for his own clothing and food—but with his condition he will never be able to do so. The 7% cut has become a painful part of our lives."



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Camilla Bradford, Riverside County

"My client is my older brother Reggie who has schizophrenia. Given his condition, he requires round-the-clock care and supervision. We used to receive the maximum 283 hours, but it's been cut down to a little over 260 hours. Restoring the 7% cut is not a 7% raise. This is about restoring money that was taken from us. This has meant a \$200 cut to my monthly income. Even Reggie's doctors have requested that his hours not be cut, but that was denied. There are things, such as diapers, bed pads, helmets, that are paid for by Medi-Cal or Medicare. If they are not covered, these are costs that must come out of my income, which is already stretched. We're asking lawmakers to restore full funding to IHSS and treat homecare providers and our clients fairly. Let's end the 7% cut for good—not just for me, but for everyone."



Cindy Chastain, Placer County

"My son, Nathan, is 24 years old and lives with cerebral palsy. With the mental capacity of a 6-year-old child, Nathan requires around-the-clock care. He can't tie his shoes or bathe himself, and his speech is delayed. He enrolled in IHSS when he turned 18, but, as his mother, I've always cared for him. Despite his condition, he only receives 222 hour a month. The 7% cut has caused hardship to our finances, and we are struggling to pay our bills, especially our mortgage. With the cut in place we are in danger of losing our home. It's also difficult to pay for gas to get Nathan to his day program. Lawmakers need to stand up for IHSS clients and providers and end the 7% cut for good."

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When I worked for the City of Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo was asked by a reporter, “What does it take to be the Mayor of California’s Capitol city?”

Her classic reply, “A heart, a brain and a spine.”

On a weekly basis this Board participates in regular censorship in violation of the Brown Act and the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act as citizens come before you to do the people’s business.

The preamble to the Brown Act states:

“The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created.”

It further states:

“The courts found that policies that prohibited members of the public from criticizing district employees were unconstitutional.”

Additionally Public Record Act Requests for information are arrogantly ignored. Government transparency and accountability appear to have been overtaken by Bureaucratic Shenanigans, or if you prefer, the BS of a legal team of misfits.

Case in point are these two CPRAs, one of which was due a week ago. (Read CPRAs)

The solution is really very simple. Just do the right thing and develop a heart, a brain and a spine.

Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record:

- 1) 7/21/15 Mike Ciccozzi CPRA due 8/4/15
- 2) 8/3/15 ACAO Kerr/Combs CPRA due 8/17/15

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July 21, 2015

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
EDC Clerk to the Board

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

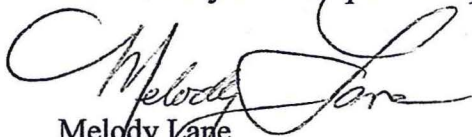
Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain copies of the following:

- Documentation substantiating Mike Ciccozzi's current title, salary, date of appointment, and signed offer letter delineating the terms & conditions of employment.
- Documentation substantiating the recruitment for the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer vacated by Kimberly Kerr, and the number of applications received.
- Signed Oath of Office for Mike Ciccozzi.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to melody.lane@reagan.com. It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.


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August 3, 2015

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain copies of the following:

- Documentation substantiating the recruitment for the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer filled by Kimberly Kerr, the number of applications received, and the number of applicants interviewed.
- Documentation substantiating former ACAO Kimberly Kerr's beginning and ending salary, date of appointment, signed offer letter delineating the terms & conditions of employment, and her signed Oath of Office.
- Documentation substantiating the recruitment for the position of Temporary ACAO filled by Larry Combs, the number of applications received, the number of applicants interviewed, signed offer letter delineating the terms & conditions of employment, and his signed Oath of Office.

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