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County of El Dorado  
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**Subject: Funding for Senior Legal Services in CAO's Proposed Budget**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

I appreciate the difficult task that your Board and your CAO have in formulating and finalizing the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. I appreciate that in June your Board took the action to provide adequate appropriations to continue providing Senior Legal Services through June 30, 2018.

It is my belief that it is a mistake to utilize the County's entire Senior Legal "reserve" in one fiscal year as is included in the current budget recommendation before you. The source of this "reserve" is the Estate of Ruth Sherrard. Hopefully, in the future the County will benefit from a robust planned giving program which will help us ensure adequate funding for all of our Senior Programs. Using the remainder of the funds contributed by the Ruth Sherrard Estate in this current fiscal year to reduce the general support for our Senior Legal program could undermine future efforts to seek contributions of a similar size and nature.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Harn".

Joe Harn, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

CC: Don Ashton, CAO