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MEMO TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

From: El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee

Date: June 16, 2017

Re: June 20 BOS Agenda Item 17-0406

Dear Members of the Board:

The El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee urges the members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to retain the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services in the county budget.

El Dorado County has a very high proportion of senior citizens and the EDC Senior Legal Services have been serving them very well for many years. Our seniors are among our most vulnerable citizens and deserve the support of our government. These are the people our taxes should be supporting.

Among the services that have assisted our citizens, regardless of age or income, are:

- Education on how to write a will to protect one's estate and one's heirs
- Information and assistance on elder abuse
- Advice and information about consumer fraud, to which seniors are especially vulnerable
- Support and assistance of seniors with various disputes such as property, landlord/tenant, and family issues
- Seminars for many organizations throughout the county on the above and other issues

We request that you do not deprive our vulnerable Seniors of these very important services.

Sincerely,

Lori Godsey Anzini, Chair

El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee



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FW: Outsource or elimination of County Department of Senior Legal Program

1 message

Leslie Hill <lotuslady1445@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 18, 2017 at 11:08 AM

To: jim.mistrisin@edcgov.org

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Reference: June 20, 2017 Budget Agenda Item 17-0662

It seems there is a plan being proposed to outsource the Senior Legal Program or make draconian changes or elimination of these services used by many County seniors and their families. I personally have attended this departments full-house events presenting information on legal issues unique to our senior citizens when they had nowhere else they could afford to turn to with traumatic problems. At the time I was overwhelmed with my own family's problems with a member suffering with Alzheimer's disease and how to deal with nursing home issues. What I learned there was beyond measure and guided us to a successful result.

I can't think of a Department as important as this in helping our seniors on fixed incomes. This department and it's small staff have done more for so many in this community I can't imagine a more draconian move on the part of our Supervisors. In fact, I am personally aware of three of our senior citizens who benefitted in having such items as Medical Power of Attorney, Wills and Estate Trusts prepared and guided them as they dealt with such health issues as dementia, impending death due to cancer and a family living out of state with two older parents living in the County unable to travel and afford dealing with end of life issues. That out of state son was so appreciative of the help afforded his parents I'm sure he, as others have done, made a donation to the program.

Budgets are tight as we all know, but with the desire for families to locate to our wonderful County and an aging population, I can think of few things that can impact our citizen's lives more than these and the few programs to serve all of us like legal, food services and daycare help we all should feel proud to support - and might need ourselves.

Please read this letter during the public comment period and make it available to the BOS members with my wish that they look kindly on such a worthy program.

Sincerely, Leslie Hill
1445 Arrowbee Drive
Placerville, CA.
DIST 4 resident

June 16, 2016

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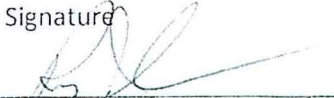
RE: Proposed recommendation to sub-contract Senior Legal Services

We the undersigned residents of El Dorado County hereby request that the Board reconsider a proposed budget cut that would impact Senior Legal Services. Per the fact sheet posted to the County website 6/15/17, it appears the Board is considering abolishing 3.5 full time positions, which would effectively eliminate our legal staff, in order to save the County \$250,000 annually. El Dorado County is listed as one of the best places to retire, which is in part thanks to our outstanding senior services. The senior residents of El Dorado County do appreciate and rely on these services, as well as the individual care and compassion our County staff provide. Transferring us to a unknown "selected" contractor, away from our familiar and trusted legal providers does not sound like the best solution.

The fact sheet confirms the County Legal Services receives annual Federal funding in the amount of \$80,000. What would become of this funding? Additionally, with \$94,000 in donations for the fiscal year 2015/16, it is apparent that the residents of El Dorado County do appreciate the legal services provided, and are willing to give back as they are able. If legal services were transferred to an outside contractor, it is quite possible the annual donations would greatly decrease, or possibly cease entirely.

Please reconsider keeping our legal services intact. So much assistance has been provided to many of the El Dorado County senior residents, who without this program as it is, may not be able to seek help for legal matters.

By signing below, I confirm that I am a resident of El Dorado County, and do support the comments above.

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Fwd: Abolition of Senior Legal Services

1 message

Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 8:03 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please include as public comment to Item 31 on Tuesday's agenda. Thank you.

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From: **John Garon** <jcpagaron@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 18, 2017 at 10:05 AM
Subject: Fwd: Abolition of Senior Legal Services
To: jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us

Dear Sir:

I'd appreciate having this letter put on next Tuesday's BOS meeting. Thank you. John Garon

I agree with Larry Weitzman's analysis and potential consequences of the abolition of Senior Legal Services: a boneheaded decision that will save a little money but will do a great deal of damage.

EDC has the largest percentage of seniors of any county in California. If this imbecilic decision is designed to do the most harm to the largest number of elderly people, success is guaranteed. EDC seniors are favorite targets of numerous scams, from Nigerian princes needing cash to collect their inheritance, to "grandchildren" needing quick cash for bail. The decision to close senior services seems to have been strictly an accounting exercise, with little thought given to the emotional and psychological needs of the elderly.

The BOS must explain to the voters what are its priorities; if the welfare of one of our more vulnerable groups is not a priority, then what is? What's next on the chopping block: child services? Why not abolish the position of Public Information Officer and staff? Having once been a military PIO, I always considered myself a parasite.. Things have not changed. Or why not take some money from the Sheriff's Taj Mahalian office project?

The frankly-speaking dumb proposal to abolish Senior Legal Services must be generating considerable pushback. Undoubtedly, the BOS will try to finesse this decision, perhaps by slowly de-funding the office, while announcing with great fanfare that private donations will pick up the slack. Larry Weitzman has explained in detail that private donations cannot cover the merest fraction of the costs.

Seniors are many, and vote. PIO and Executive Officer supporters are few!

6/19/2017

Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: Abolition of Senior Legal Services

John Garon
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Fwd: The value of Senior Legal Services

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The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 3:17 PM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **Ron Briggs** <rbriggs@calweb.com>

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Subject: The value of Senior Legal Services

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Honorable Board Members,

In my eight years sitting in the Elder Protection Unit ending December 2014, Senior Legal Services proved over and over its status as a county vanguard in early detection of senior fraud and elder abuse.

Much like Code Enforcement and Meals on Wheels drivers, Senior Legal are often first contact with our most vulnerable elderly population. All too many times members of the Elder Protection Unit team would quickly to render aid to a senior as a result of Senior Legal contact. Be it financial fraud commit by a new found "friend" or the horrific rescue of an 80 year old woman who was duct taped to a chair while her "friend" went out. If not for Senior Legal there would be far too undetected bad things happening out in the real world to our seniors.

In my eight year tenure I too experienced the institutional dislike of the Senior Legal. Many County Counsels worked each budget cycle to get rid of it. Health and Human Services Directors, for the most part, did the same. I listened, but my boards saw the value Senior Legal brings to our County in its current rendition.

I think our predecessors strategically placed Senior Legal in its now current form under HHSA because it allows interaction in peer to peer setting with HHSA, County Counsel and all other county departments. This is necessary for fluid and confidential discussions of all senior fraud and or elder abuse.

Senior Legal is far more than dispensing free wills or other advise. It is a workhorse, the tip of the spear in identification and fighting senior financial fraud and elder abuse inside El Dorado County.

I hope the questions you ask on Tuesday about Senior Legal centers around the good it delivers, the weak and infirmed it helps to aid. Senior Legal paltry budget repays thousands of untold dollars in savings to other county services and it does saves lives!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Meeting Date: 06/20/17; Agenda Item: 31

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Board Meeting Date: 06/20/17
 Agenda Item: 31. 17-0662

Subject: Keep the El Dorado County Senior Legal Program, located in the Placerville Senior Center, as is

Dear Members of the EDC Board of Supervisors -

Please include this as my public comment to Item 31 on the Tuesday (06/20/17) agenda. Thank you.

As a retired, 20+ year resident of El Dorado County, and user of our county's Senior Legal Program, I request you keep this important and valuable service for we seniors, and El Dorado County as a whole, as is.

When my husband took ill a few years ago, I learned about and attended Diana Steel's seminars about wills, power of attorney, and other important services, senior-related legal matters, and legal paperwork. To say this new-to-me arena paperwork and terminology was a daunting task to even grasp the meaning of is an understatement, but Diana Steele and her staff, guided me through it, greatly easing my mind and emotions. I have informed many seniors (ranging from relatives, neighbors, support groups, and acquaintances) about Diana Steele and her staff, and they have been relieved and pleased to learn this program exists and use the services and attend the seminars.

I was quite surprised, and quite relieved, to learn that to participate in EDC's Senior Legal Program one only needs to be at least 60 years old. Not having the restriction of being indigent or in a government program enables a much broader range of our county's seniors to participate. I am among the many who happily and gratefully make contributions to this valuable, county program.

As my family, friends, and I grow older and our conversations increasingly include discussions about ever-increasing senior health care and ailments, I continue to be reminded of just how very special and unique El Dorado County is in the broad range of important services offered our senior population. These services are a great asset to El Dorado County, making our county a poster child for senior service programs. We should be proud of and be thankful for the foresight of those who initiated our county's senior programs so many years ago and for those who have followed in their footsteps to keep the programs running for all these years and on into the future.

Sincerely -

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