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From: **Joe Harn** <joe.harn@edcgov.us>

Date: Fri, May 29, 2015 at 5:06 PM

Subject: Re: Senior Services and the Recommended Budget

To: John Litwinovich <johnlit@sbcglobal.net>

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John,

I am VERY confident that the Board of Supervisors will NOT follow staff budget recommendations regarding the County's Senior Programs. All five Supervisors are big supporters of our County's Seniors and the County's Senior Programs. Don Ashton is a big supporter of our Seniors and our Senior Programs.

We need to look at the way every County service is delivered and we need to look for more efficient, cost effective ways to deliver services.... all services including Senior services. I am confident that no major changes in service delivery methods for Senior Programs will be made next week by the Board of Supervisors.

John, have a great weekend. Our Board largely agrees with you. It would be great to see you next week, but your presence and testimony is probably not need.

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On Thu, May 28, 2015 at 12:06 PM, John Litwinovich <johnlit@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Members of the Board:

Regarding Monday's budget discussion, I know you have much to consider. So, briefly:

1. If you follow all of the staff budget recommendations regarding Community Services Senior Programs, the County will effectively begin disassembling a vital senior continuum of care that took more than 40 years to build.

2. When Community Services stood as a separate department, its percentage of administrative costs ran about half what currently is being charged for administration by the Health and Human Services Agency. In other words, there are certainly better ways of doing business that would save county resources and save services for seniors.
3. Note that, while the recommended budget requests an appropriation of \$3.9 million for Health and Human Services Agency Administration, the actual amount proposed to be spent on administration appears to exceed \$8.1 million. A significant amount of what is being spent is being drawn out of Community Services.
4. Thousands of our County's seniors are depending on your continued support, as are their families, hundreds of volunteers and a very dedicated, hard working, capable, modestly-paid direct service staff who embody what public service should be about. The challenges faced by elders and their families are substantial and the services are critical to their well-being.
5. If you remember Moni Gilmore, please give seniors the support she would have asked from you. If you never met her, ask someone who knew her.

Thank you. I'll be glad to meet with you on any of the above points.

John Litwinovich

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Senior Day Care Facilities

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Leslie Hill-Sokel <leslie@cameronparkcounseling.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2015 at 10:29 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am writing to inform the Board of Supervisors of my adamant position re: the closure of the Senior Day Care Programs. It is imperative that this does not happen and that if there are budget cuts that need to be made, please do it in another area. This program is vital to those of us with demented family members. The cost of care for patients with dementia is astronomical. I would have to stop working and go on county welfare to be able to stay at home with my husband. I would then not only be a drain on the county resources but would stop paying income taxes which support these types of programs. Whom ever came up with the idea to stop these programs, has a demented thought process about priorities in our county. People come first, then all of the other things. I can deal with the courts having a longer waiting period. I can't deal with no help with my husband. Leslie J. Hill-Sokol, M.C., M.Ed., L.M.F.T