Public Comment #25 BOS RCW. 4-825

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Dear Supervisors,

Please give direction to continue Senior Day Care. The long tail of the pandemic and the increase in options that pay more than EDC's current care staff salaries have artificially reduced the daily attendance. There are enough seniors on the waitlist to return both sites to the near capacity membership of

The proposed funding cuts and increased fees will result in a halving of capacity, a doubling of daily fees, and raising the cost of application from \$50 to \$330. I do not think impacting some of our most vulnerable neighbors is the right way to develop a budget that reflects the values of EDC especially that of Service Excellence "The county strives to provide responsive, transparent, and quality service to all citizens of El Dorado County."

Reducing services will increase costs to seniors, caregivers, hospitals etc. So the proposal is financially ill advised. The current yearly cost for senior day care to us as taxpayers is \$825K. I think the BOS should continue this contribution to valuing our elders.

From:	John Davey <jdavey@daveygroup.net></jdavey@daveygroup.net>
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То:	BOS-Clerk of the Board
Cc:	BOS-District I; BOS-District II; bosthree@edcgov.us; BOS Four; BOS-District V
Subject:	BOS Tues April 8 Agenda Item 25 LEGISTAR File 25-0654

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Supervisors,

Residents of El Dorado County recognize the dire projections surrounding the 2025/26 Budget Year, and understand the potential impacts that the necessity of this current round of austerity measures might bring.

However, when considering the closing of the El Dorado Hills Senior Day Site (Legistar <u>25-0654</u>-c) Explore options to sell or lease the County-owned El Dorado Hills Senior Day site and return to the Board with recommendations for the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget;), as well as potentially selling the building, I feel that it is important for you to consider that El Dorado Hills is the largest community by population in the County. More so because El Dorado Hills has the largest group of senior population in the County as well, facilitated by the Board of Supervisors' approval of large age restricted communities in El Dorado Hills. Closing and possibly selling the building is short-sighted, because even if there is no "waiting list" of residents at the El Dorado Hills Senior Day site now, the potential exists for that calculus to change rapidly, as not only are municipalities like the County having to consider austerity measures, our senior residents will be facing the same harsh economic conditions as well, and having access to a Senior Day site in our own community of 50,0000-plus residents is vital to this segment of our population. 30 minute bus rides to and from Placerville for our large senior population are not the answer.

Selling the El Dorado Hills Senior Day site facility itself may be problematic as well, as it has a long history of deficiencies, including water intrusion issues that conceivably could result in a selling price well under market value.

I'm also further troubled that the matter of funding the Latrobe Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (Legistar <u>25-0654</u>- k) Defer the El Dorado Hills Fire for Latrobe Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund equivalent contribution to the Adopted Budget, in alignment with Resolution 151-2024;) is any issue that returns to your board again. Your Board made a commitment to EDC LAFCo in 2014, as well as to Latrobe and El Dorado Hills residents in 2018 when the Latrobe Fire District was dissolved to provide the necessary funding to support this annexation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 125-2018 on June 12, 2018, directing staff to bring an item to the Board annually during the budget process to transfer an amount equivalent to the ERAF encumbrance, thereby providing the full funding needed to provide the essential fire emergency medical services to the Latrobe and El Dorado Hills communities that were agreed upon during the LAFCO annexation process.

It took four years for your Board to commit to making these communities whole via the ERAF. Actions by your board that would endanger the fire protection efforts in these communities, while families are having to navigate the perils of Fire Insurance cancellation, and the vulgarities of the FAIR Plan are an affront to public safety efforts in our communities.

The same concerns apply to Legistar <u>25-0654</u>- item i) Discontinue Fire Tourism Impact funding in FY 2025-26.

Cuts in services must prioritize our Public Safety commitments, and our Senior population

Respectfully,

John Davey

From:	Frank Maio <frankmaiojr@gmail.com></frankmaiojr@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, April 7, 2025 5:32 PM
То:	BOS-District I; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; Brooke Laine; BOS-Clerk of
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Cc:	Frank Maio
Subject:	Forebay Park Funding
Attachments:	05-17-22 Senior Fitness Equipment Purchase.pdf

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Good Morning,

It has just been brought to my attention that an April 8, 2025 agenda item will be addressing the reallocation of the ARPA grant of \$3 million dollars, which was already earmarked for Forebay Park renovations, including an all inclusive, all abilities playground. Unfortunately, I have a previously scheduled appointment for a much needed medical procedure in the morning at UC Davis in Sacramento that can't be delayed otherwise my wife and I would attend the Board meeting in person.

Our community volunteers have worked tirelessly in anticipation of this - clearing the overgrown brush and trees to make it compliant with the county's fire safe ordinance; holding many fundraising efforts, along with writing and obtaining grants, to augment the amenities that the county would not be able to include; purchased and gifted Senior Fitness Equipment to the county (\$20,838), which is currently in storage on site; created specifications and procured renderings from six national playground equipment manufacturers to share our community's vision of the playground that we are hoping to get; worked closely with both Park Managers; and attending all county held community meetings to allow all residents the opportunity to provide their feedback. Now, it seems that the proverbial rug is about to be pulled out from under our feet. This is extremely upsetting to us personally, as well as to the many residents of Pollock Pines. We have been promised this renovation for many years and when the ARPA grant was awarded, we were assured by then Parks Manager, Vickie Sanders, that this grant would be used for "the only park in the county that qualifies for these funds."

Pollock Pines has been neglected time and time again by the county. I'm imploring you to not do this to us again. Our community deserves this park; our children deserve this park; we've waited too long for this park!

Please do not take what has been promised away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Frank and Jane Maio 7019 Kamloops Drive Pollock Pines, CA 95726 From: Sent: To: Subject: BOS-District I Monday, April 7, 2025 8:53 PM BOS-Clerk of the Board FW: Please Spare our Senior Programs

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Dear Supervisors,

My understanding is that El Dorado County is in a bind financially and is being forced to tighten it's belt.

When looking at programs to cut, please do your very best to try and not make major changes to our county's senior programs.

Many of our seniors are experiencing both financial and health difficulties -- a horrible combination. It's important that EDC be a safety net for our seniors.

EDC's support of Senior Legal Services, Senior Daycare, Senior Nutrition and Home Delivery is critical. Maybe a fee increase in increments can be levied to help maintain these programs? Please do NOT eliminate any of these programs.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Jeannette Maynard Shingle Springs, CA From: Sent: To: Subject: BOS-District | Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:24 PM BOS-Clerk of the Board FW: EDH Senior Center

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From: Robert Hayton <x77dude@yahoo.com> Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 10:48 AM To: BOS-District II <bostwo@edcgov.us>; BOS-District I <bosone@edcgov.us> Subject: EDH Senior Center

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It is with great dismay that I have learned of the proposed closing of the EDH Senior Center. While I generally applaud cost-saving proposals, as a Senior retiree in El Dorado Hills I would urge the Board to explore other areas for budget savings.

Robert Hayton

Believe fervently, hope expectantly, love unconditionally!

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: BOS-District I Tuesday, April 8, 2025 4:22 PM BOS-Clerk of the Board FW: Support: ProEDH Senior Community- Continue Leasing Gilmore Center to EDH CSD Gilmore Center.pdf

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Subject: Support: ProEDH Senior Community- Continue Leasing Gilmore Center to EDH CSD

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To: EDC Board of Supervisors

I have been an El Dorado County resident since 2010. I am writing in support of:

- Not closing the EDH facility day care at the Gilmore Center
- Not selling the Gilmore Center
- Do continue leasing it to the El Dorado Hills CSD

I know there are budget issues in the county but transferring El Dorado County day care to Placerville will have two unfortunate consequences:

(1) El Dorado Hills day care users will have to find transportation to Placerville twice daily. Contrary to survey results, there is no reason to believe this is going to happen. These people are extremely fragile and do not have the caregiver support to make this happen. To that end, these people will probably lose county services. I was pretty appalled at "public comment" to hear that there are some senior consultants advising that due to underutilization they applaud the transfer of services and closure of Gilmore. We should not be applauding fewer services, particularly in an area like EDH.
(2) I don't think people realize how intertwined the county and the CSD have been with respect to senior services generally in the "unincorporated" area of El Dorado County/EDH. The CSD already leases the Gilmore Center from the county and pays an annual fee. To contemplate the sale of the only building in

EDH that provides services to our senior community is very disturbing to me. I attached the CSD annual

budget description of just how many people in EDH do utilize the Gilmore Center and the activities it supports. It is a critical building for senior services. If you lease it to another entity, or, worse, sell the building, there will be nowhere for our valued EDH senior members to congregate. They do arts/crafts, computers, meals, classes, navigating medicare, grief counseling, bingo, yoga, etc... The list goes on! You have no idea the negative effect this would be on these people's lives. They do not drive to Placerville; they do not drive to Sacramento for socialization. Talk about scrooge mcduck. If you stop leasing to the CSD, you stop (and I'm not exaggerating), these people's lives. I talked to one man last week who has lived in EDH for over 40 years. He goes to the senior center every day now since his wife died a year ago. He dances; eats; volunteers; chats. It is literally a reason for some of them to get out of bed in the mornings.

(3) Give the pro-cityhood another reason to push separation from the county.

Please read the attachment and all the good the Gilmore Center does for the community of EDH. We need to have the Gilmore Center remain part of the day care program, or, at a minimum, continue the yearly lease to the CSD. Lots of people rage and complain about having fewer services in EDH; please don't give people another reason to think cityhood is the way to go. The county would lose a lot more in tax revenue from an EDH cityhood than from selling a property for short term gain.

Lisa Plummer El Dorado County resident

Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Division

Narrative

unattended. The District encourages skaters and visitors to respect the facility and follow all posted rules.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Since 2006, the District has collaborated with El Dorado County to provide programs and on-site staff at the County owned El Dorado Hills Moni Gilmore Senior Center. The Gilmore Senior Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and occasionally in the evening. The District rents the facility from the County; the facility includes two game rooms, a social room, a commercial kitchen, a computer room, and a multi-purpose/cafe room. District staff coordinate a variety of programs, including fitness classes, yoga, dance, social activities, card games, language classes, discussion groups, cultural arts, music, cooking, computer/smart phone education, and various guest speakers. Programs occur daily, weekly, and monthly; some are free, while others are fee-based.

Year-round weekly programs include Pinochle, Painting Pals, Knit & Chat, Bridge, Morning Workout, Think You Can't Exercise, Mid-Morning Chair Yoga, Bingo, Cribbage, Mahjong, Yahoo Yoga, Wii Bowling, Intermediate Spanish, and Hand & Foot. Regular monthly program offerings include Cornhole, Karaoke, Tai Chi, Scenic Tour Presentations, Book Club, Learn to Play Bridge, Ballroom Dancing, Ukelele Group, Line Dancing, Computer User Group, Caregiver Support Groups, Stamp Club, Men's Group, and Women's Group. A variety of guest speakers on senior mental/physical health, fraud, local wildlife, local and international history, healthy aging, fire safety, and community-related issues are scheduled regularly.

Special events at the Gilmore Senior Center include St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea, 4th of July, Veteran's Day, Halloween, and Friendsgiving. There are also three large special event luncheons hosted in the District Gymnasium (Valentine's Day, Oktoberfest and Christmas) that attract approximately 150-200 seniors each. These events are offered in partnership with the Senior Support Council, have a small fee, and require pre-registration.

Senior Services - Gilmore Senior Center staff work collaboratively with El Dorado County to provide programs such as Senior Legal Services, Lunches, Caregiver Support Groups, HICAP Insurance Counseling appointments, Blood Pressure Checks, and various educational programs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The District offers a variety of special events to the community. The events produced support the District's Mission and Vision, support local partners, and involve the community to create a safe and fun environment. The District tailors events to drive community involvement, which is the forefront of creativity and innovation. Special events are a great place to connect with residents and members of surrounding communities or start a new family tradition.