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11/01/2010 11:00 AM

To <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
cc <wanda.demarest@edcgov.us>
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Subject Board Of Supes:AGENDA ITEM funding cuts for the Senior Day Care Program

I am writing to protest any funding cuts to the Senior Day Care Program. This program accomplishes what many private programs tout but never achieve. Members (that is the seniors themselves) are treated with respect and compassion. They benefit from an individualized approach based on current knowledge and careful assessment. This occurs through an outstanding volunteer program, and a dedicated staff who give above and beyond. This is possible through the leadership of Wanda Demerest, director.

I am a physical therapist and was a volunteer at the Senior Day Care Center for 5+ years, helping to develop exercise programs and safety guidelines around 1996. Since 2003, my business (Fitzpatrick Physical Therapy) has had a small contract with the county (initially 4 hours per week and now with budget cuts 4 hours per month). The per-hour contract amount has always been significantly less than the county's own rate for physical therapist, and in fact does not cover the cost of payroll. I have always considered the difference to be a "community service". There are so many deserving seniors in our area who have real needs in terms of mobility, safety and quality of life and the Senior Day Care Program makes a tremendous difference.

Studies show that community-dwelling seniors have the highest quality of life. Whether it is an aging parent or an increasingly frail spouse, families are under always increasing pressures to care for their loved ones. El Dorado County's Senior Day Care Program provides a high quality option, and is quite necessary in an area with a high percentage of seniors.

I hope that you will give this matter the consideration it deserves, and fund El Dorado County's Senior Day Care Program.

Sincerely,

Marian Fitzpatrick, PT, OCS
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Sent by: Cynthia C
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10/29/2010 11:33 AM

To Byron Mays <bmays_d80@yahoo.com>,
cc The BOSONE/PV/EDC, The BOSTWO/PV/EDC, The
BOSTHREE/PV/EDC, The BOSFOUR/PV/EDC, The
BOSFIVE/SLT/EDC,
bcc

Subject Re: Nov 3rd Budget Hearing: Proposed Cuts to Senior Day
Care Program

Thank you for your concerns regarding the County Budget. I will forward this email to the Board Members.

Cindy Johnson,
Sr. Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

Byron Mays

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Subject Nov 3rd Budget Hearing: Proposed Cuts to Senior Day Care
Program

October 29, 2010

Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California

Re: Proposed cuts to Senior Day Care Program funding

Honorable Board Members

We write to address proposed cuts to the county's Senior Day Care Program that would eliminate a program that is vital to the mental health and well being of many of our seniors. Our mother, Mary Mays, was diagnosed with Alzheimers in 2008, and has been enrolled in the Senior Day Care Program for over two years. We believe that SDC has made a profound difference in slowing the progression of her disease. It allows her to interact with others with the same mental issues, stimulates her mind with the different cognitive activities and keeps her more physically mobile. She loves the program and can't wait to go because it gives her a sense of belonging in a setting, where she doesn't have to feel uncomfortable or ashamed of the disease that is stealing her identity, memories and her life. She isn't able to participate in the activities she did before her disease or attend the groups she was very involved in such as; Widow Persons, the Senior

Center and her church groups, because she feels isolated because of her confusion and her inability to remember people, places and things. Furthermore, Senior Day Care gives the caregivers the opportunity to maintain their jobs, have respite from the demands of caring for their loved ones and

the comfort that their family member is in a safe, nurturing environment.

At our mothers' recent physical, her Doctor was amazed her disease was progressing at a much slower rate that he had anticipated, (none of the Alzheimers' medications had worked for her, so she doesn't take them any longer). Her doctor concluded that her involvement in Senior Day Care was most likely the thing most responsible for slowing the progression of her disease. He added that if the disease had progressed as he anticipated she would most likely have to be institutionalized by now.

I urge you to please consider continuing to fund the Senior Day Care Program, closing its doors will have a devastating effect on the programs participants and their caregivers.

Byron and Christine Mays

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The BOSFOUR/PV/EDC@TCP, The
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Subject Re: Budget Concerns 

Thank you for your concerns regarding the County Budget. I will forward your email to each Board Member.

Cindy Johnson,
Sr. Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

"Guy & Julie Petersen"

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Subject Budget Concerns

We're very aware of the budget concerns facing our county and the decisions you must make. As you carefully weigh one program against another, please bear in mind one fact: our aged population is increasing as the younger population is decreasing.

The services offered by the Senior Center are critical. Younger people no longer care for their elders, whether due to their own issues or societal pressures. The most populous generation, baby boomers, is entering its senior years. Funding is necessary to support the services that families no longer provide.

Please fund senior services!!!!

Guy & Julie Petersen
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Sent by: Cynthia C
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10/28/2010 11:49 AM

To Donald Vanderkar <donvdk@gmail.com>,
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Subject Re: Elimination of Senior Day Care Center

Thank you for your concerns regarding the County Budget. I will forward this email to the Board Members.

Cindy Johnson,
Sr. Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors,
County of El Dorado

Donald Vanderkar

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To edc.cob@edcgov.us
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Subject Elimination of Senior Day Care Center

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are in very difficult times. The Board has the nearly impossible job of reducing the County's budget by selectively reducing funds for important programs.

I am dismayed that the recommendation of the CAO would eliminate all funding for the Senior Day Care Program while making partial reductions in other programs. The frailest and least able to defend themselves appear to be the first to feel the sting of proposed reductions. I have visited the Senior Day Care facility and have learned to appreciate the important service this facility provides.

I urge you to continue to fund this vital service and fine funds by modest reductions in other programs. I am glad I am not the one to make these decisions.

Don Vanderkar
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10/31/2010 12:55 PM

To "Millie" <chandler@internet49.com>,
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Subject Re: Funding for SDC

Thank you for your concerns regarding the County Senior Services. I will forward this email to the Board Members.

Cindy Johnson,
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County of El Dorado

"Millie"

"Millie" <chandler@internet49.com>

10/31/2010 12:57:59 PM



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Subject Funding for SDC

I can hardly believe that the people we put our trust into has allowed our county to get into the financial condition I hear about. Do you have to cut the last bit of funding from the General Fund that should be going to the Senior Day Care Center to help our countys most vulnerable?

What happened, and what can you do about it?

Millie Chandler, wife of Charles Chandler
Alzheimers and Parkinsons patient