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Dear Supervisors:

While I appreciate the dilemma you have in reducing the budget in these times, I recommend that you continue to use general funds to maintain the Senior Day Care Center. It serves almost 150 individuals a month and benefits many more family members. The seniors are given an opportunity to improve their lives; their families are given a well-earned respite; and it avoids additional expenses as the senior is able to remain at home without being admitted to a high-cost facility.

Most importantly, the Health Program Manager should not be reduced to a Program Supervisor position. The current manager is outstanding, works enough hours for two employees, and is the heart and soul of this necessary program. While she may be willing to accept a bare-bones budget and reduce almost in half the number of FTEs available to her, her position should not be eliminated. She is essential to the program and works tirelessly and, in fact, is underpaid for the amount and quality of services she provides.

The fact that the expansion to El Dorado Hills is put on hold is a major blow to those of us who donated funds to see it completed. We have an aging population in this county and with longevity greatly increasing, these services should be expanded and not reduced.

This is one outstanding program for our citizens that meets a great need at little cost to our local government. I urge you to maintain the Health Program Manager position and to stand ready to increase the staff and open the EDH center as funding improves.

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