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Subject Proposed cut to Senior Center Day Care Center

I am amazed that anyone would look to the elderly for help to repair damaged done to our budget. When will they ever be allowed the security and dignity we owe them in their declining years? This town is composed of mostly senior citizens. They are the ones who cared for this town, laid the ground work we enjoy today. Now that they can't speak, or fight for themselves as they once did, we over power them and take away what they have earned. They must be the easy target? The healthy and productive people of this town haven't been deprived of their conveniences. I see plenty of bike trails, new long walking paths/parking, even large new spaces provided for boat trailers at the lake, etc. We the active people can't possibly be denied any of these luxuries. However the seniors or the disabled can do without their chance to socialize, interact with supervised projects that keep their minds and bodies healthier and further from declining. This service also allows their caregiver a day or two to handle on their own all that is necessary, errands, appts. Or a time to themselves to recharge their spirit to go on caring for the ones they love. We must never forget that no matter how we look or feel today we too will get old, we too will be at the mercy of the youth that watch how we handle the elderly today. I have seen first hand the smiles on the elderly, and disabled as they work together with their peers, feeling whole a part of something once again. I have heard sad stories how Senior Legal Services has protected the rights of seniors who would of been picked apart and made penniless by their own families. They have been given the opportunity to make a will so their loved ones will be provided for in a way that gives them peace. So many of them have been protected from abuse.. These are good things we should be proud of. The Board Supervisors should visit the center and really look at those faces, hear the stories from the legal staff as well. You will all get old and before that be responsible for and elderly, this will affect you one day if not now. We all can be compassionate, but we must first open our eyes and see, feel what it must be like to no longer matter as you once did. Let's not take away the little they have. Let the fit make the sacrifice not them. In an emergency the rescue team always reaches out to the sick, disabled and the children, and then the healthy, why is this different? You can't look away because it's the easiest solution when they can't fight you.. That's not fair!! You have the best facility I've ever seen; the staff is caring and wonderful. What a great accomplishment a feather in your cap, don't destroy something you made that is good, and you should be proud of. I'm sorry I'm so emotional but frankly I've been very disappointed in politics lately, and to take away from the seniors and the disabled is wrong you must know that.

Sincerely, Donna Manning

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Subject Proposal to eliminate the entire General Fund contribution to
the Senior Day Care Center

Dear Supervisors,

I understand through a fax sent to my office by Ms. Demarest dated 10/28/10 that due to budgetary constraints, the County is considering completely eliminating the Senior Day Care Center's contribution from the General Fund.

I have no specific knowledge of the Center's finances, but I would not find it difficult to believe that the loss of these funds could result in the closure of the Center.

As a local business owner and public school parent, I am quite sensitive of the need for very difficult decisions to be made regarding the apportionment of increasingly limited funds.

However, as a local family doctor I would respectfully point out that the Center is a uniquely valuable resource to our community. It provides an affordable, safe and healthy environment for our increasingly aged population and especially for those with Alzheimer's dementia. Often, this Center allows my elderly patients to remain in their own homes with the care of their spouses, children and other friends and family. When I describe the Center as unique I mean that there is no comparable service for such patients. Assistance with meals and home care exist, but this is the only service that provides a place for our elders to socialize and also allows caregivers and family a chance to work, attend to other needs or to have some respite from providing care around the clock. Without this, many families will have no other choices but permanent institutionalization or more frequent hospitalization.

I urge you to allow the Center to continue to provide such a valuable service to our community and to our elders, to whom we owe a debt of duty, respect and gratitude.

Yours truly,

Mark L. Tong, MD

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Board of Supervisors:

My name is John Tomko. I've been a volunteer at the Senior Day Care Center for 10 years. I've personally seen the great service that this group of people provide to one of the most vulnerable populations of El Dorado County. Please do not curtail the funding for this service. It is needed and is being performed optimally by a great group of dedicated individuals.

Thank you, .

John Tomko



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Subject cutting funds to senior center

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Patsy Thompson

Date: November 2, 2010

It has come to my attention that the Board of Supervisors is considering cutting funds to the Senior Day Care Center and the Senior Legal Services, among other Senior programs. I have been volunteering at the Senior Day Care Center for a number of years and see the value of this program in giving respite to the caregivers of these seniors with dementia. At this program, they receive the chance to socialize, participate in stimulating activities, enjoy music and stories, and have a fuller life. But the most important benefit of this program is the respite the time spent at the Senior Day Care Center gives to the caregivers who then have a chance to rest, maintain friendships, do errands, etc. Please reconsider cutting funding to this program as it is vital to the lives of many seniors who would otherwise be isolated at home with only their caregiver for company.

And, as one who has benefitted from the Senior Legal Services, I am very impressed with what small staff accomplishes. They are indeed a dedicated group of individuals and are often the only source for legal services that our senior citizens have. I often brag about the wonderful services that our seniors have available to them in El Dorado and know that is why many of them have moved here. Please consider your priorities carefully as it is these very senior citizens who made these programs possible when they were the wage earners in our county. It seems very unfair to take the services away from these individuals.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

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FOR THEIR INFORMATION**

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Reg: Budget Cut for Senior Day Care Center

Dear Board Members:

We would like to express our sadness at the thought of loosing the Senior Day Care Program in El Dorado County. Our 86 year old stepfather has attended the Day Care program 5 days a week, for over a year.

When we first brought him into our home, he was diagnosed with dementia, he was malnourished, came from an anti-social environment. He didn't know what year it was, what month, day, season, etc. He had been under his son's care, whom had been neglecting him, financially, socially and nutritionally.

My husband and I both work full time and didn't know what we were going to do with him, as his physician said he needed 24-hr care. We looked into the community options and decided on the El Dorado Senior Day Care program. That program was like a gift from God. Not only does my step-father look forward to getting up every morning, he gets up, showers (didn't do that before), eats a healthy breakfast, socializes all day with his friends at day care, and leads a much more productive life. The Senior Day Care was the best medicine we could have found for him.

He has been under our care for over a year now and has gained 40 pounds, knows what day it is, season, and month. He looks forward to each day and I feel one of the greatest reasons for this is because of the socialization from the Senior Day Care. The caring workers and volunteers from this program are one the greatest programs El Dorado has to offer. Please reconsider the cut of this program.

Please, I urge you, please don't let down our seniors. They need this program so desperately, as well as their caregivers.

Sincerely, Steve and Gayle Harper