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November 5, 2010

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Ms. Norma Santiago
Supervisor, District 5
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Ms. Santiago:

I beseech you, on my behalf and my fellow senior citizens, to continue supporting the Senior Nutrition program, as well as the numerous other programs now available at the El Dorado Hills Ramona "Moni" Gilmore Senior Center located at 990 Lassen Lane, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

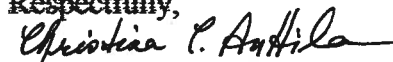
I heard recently that the programs as well as the potential availability of the Senior Center might be in jeopardy due to budget constraints. Rumors are that the facility in Placerville may remain open while the one in El Dorado Hills may be shut down. In my opinion, the facility in El Dorado Hills is far superior to the one in Placerville. It is newer, lighter, and cleaner, and the atmosphere and program coordinators are much more cheerful and inviting. (I personally found the Placerville Center depressing as it has an old, institutional feel to it.) The Placerville Senior Center would also not be able to accommodate the El Dorado Hills community of senior citizens in addition to the community it now serves.

It is folly to reason that seniors can simply travel to another Center 30 minutes away from home. Many cannot drive themselves due to problems with vision, hearing, and/or mobility. The additional burden of transportation costs would also prohibit them from reaping the social, mental, physical and nutritional benefits the Centers provide as well.

The senior citizens who attend their Senior Center in El Dorado Hills are very grateful to have this Center for the purposes of nutrition and sociability. For many this facility is their lifeline—without it they would be far more vulnerable to malnutrition and social isolation resulting in additional health issues. These are societal costs to consider.

The El Dorado Hills Senior Center is a gathering place for us retired people where we can make friends and socialize, share a meal, play cards, dance, listen to music, learn a new skill, and also exercise our bodies and minds through the benefits of stimulating programs available at low or no cost to us on fixed incomes. Moni Gilmore and others worked tirelessly to get this Center for us in El Dorado Hills. For you to close this now would render a loss to us at a time of life when we experience too many losses. Please keep this in mind when you make these tough and challenging fiscal decisions.

Respectfully,


Christina C. Anttila
971 King George Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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Lulua Blank
5013 Covered Bridge Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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Dear Board of Supervisors

I am writing this letter to tell you how important the El Dorado Hills Senior Center is to me and hope that you don't close the center. I understand that the meals may be eliminated and we are all concerned that closing the center may be the next step.

I recently moved to El Dorado County when my husband of 69 years passed away. Losing my husband and moving away from my friends was a big adjustment for me and at 91 it was hard for me to make new friends. I was very lonely then one day I decided to go to the Senior Center for lunch. When I walked into the center the people that worked there and the other seniors were so kind to me. I quickly made new friends and now attend many activities at the center or meet friends at the center as a place to start a drive together to go to the movies or shopping. The lunches provide more than food: they also provide a way to find friendship.

Thank you for providing the money to support the Senior Center and all of the activities provided there, including the lunches. The center means the world to me and many other seniors.

Sincerely,

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To whoever it my Concern:

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In regard to the Senior Legal Services:

and Senior Nutrition Program:

I will address the legal services first...

Recently I took advantage of their services in the way of a Trust to protect my home. As I could not have afforded an Attorney to make out the Trust:

As for the Nutrition Program its been a God sent, I was care giver for my mother, I was doing all the cooking this provided us with a good meal for the day, im still a shut in.

It goes beyond meal preparation and delivering to the drop points The Kitchen Technucian's check in on us home delivier's. More then once they used there own cell phones to Call 911- If some could not come to the door.

In Conclusin it would be a great dis service to the seniors to cut these programs. In mention of all the jobs it will lose..

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