

Public Comment - Group 3

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Kovacs, Naomi
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 5:11 PM
To: sbcob; Board Letters
Subject: RE: Protect the Vulnerable!

Supervisor Wolf asked that this be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board.

Begin forwarded message:

On Jun 11, 2017, at 8:43 PM, Anna Kokotovic <anna48k@gmail.com> wrote:

Supervisor Wolfe,

I urge you to:

- Mitigate staff reductions for Child Welfare Services, Foster Care, Adult Protective Services, CalFresh, CalWorks, Medi-Cal, In-home Supportive Services, Subsidized Employment and other critical services in DSS
- Restore funding for homeless shelters and warming centers in Community Services
- Restore and expand institute for Mental Disease and hospital beds, Develop a new Crisis Residential Treatment program in Dept of Behavioral Wellness

Thank you,

Anna Kokotovic, PhD
Psychologist

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Kovacs, Naomi
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 5:13 PM
To: sbcob; Board Letters
Subject: FW: Budget hearings

Supervisor Wolf asked that I forward the following email to the Clerk of the Board:

From: Petra Lowen [mailto:plowen@ilrc-trico.org]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Wolf, Janet
Subject: Budget hearings

Dear Janet,

Because of schedule conflicts I will not be able to attend the budget hearings on June 12th and 14th and therefore I am sending you my thoughts by e-mail. The Independent Living Resource Center serves individuals with disabilities. I alone have at least 65 to 70 clients who are looking for affordable housing. Many of them are homeless so funding for homeless shelters and warming centers can mean the difference between life and death. We also have several dozen clients on In-Home Supportive Services. This program enables them to stay living in the community rather than being placed in an institution. So it is extremely vital.

The Independent Living Resource Center also serves the Lompoc / Santa Maria area. One of my co-workers is in charge there. I do not have exact numbers of her clients but they are most likely close to the numbers for south Santa Barbara County.

We realize that the County has a substantial funding shortfall and you will have to make difficult choices. I just hope that you will keep our remarks in mind for your decisions. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Petra Lowen

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From: Delia Moon <deliamoon@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 5:46 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Call for help

Please do not cut budgets for the less fortunate among us. The more you impact these folks, the more the rest of us are impacted. I copy below the letter detailing the vital programs you are thinking of cutting. Please don't.
Delia Moon 303 Mesa Lane SB 93109

Call For Help & Action: Potential Santa Barbara County Budget Cuts

To build strong communities, we - as a society - must invest in the **health, education and financial stability** of every person in every community. We need budgets that reflects our nation's value of opportunity for all. We are facing potential **Santa Barbara County** budget cuts. Here is information on how you can contact the Supervisors to ask that funds be restored. The Supervisors decide what to prioritize, but you can help by providing information about these programs and the people who need them. Learn More: www.countyofsb.org

POTENTIAL SERVICE LEVEL IMPACTS

FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS & WARMING CENTERS: Restore funding for homeless shelters and warming centers (Department: Community Services).

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS: Restore and expand Institute for Mental Disease and hospital beds.

Develop a new Crisis Residential Treatment program (Department: Behavioral Wellness).

SOCIAL SERVICES: Mitigate staff reductions for CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal, In Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, Subsidized Employment, Child Welfare Services, Foster Care and General Relief (Department: Social Services).

Take Action!

- **Make public comment at the June Budget Hearings:** June 12th (hearing) 14th (deliberations).
- **Contact members of the Board of Supervisors in advance to urge them to restore these services in the June Budget Hearings.**

1st District: Das Williams. Vice Chair: (805) 568-2186 dwilliams@countyofsb.org

2nd District: Janet Wolf: (805) 568-2191 jwolf@countyofsb.org

3rd District: Joan Hartmann, Chair: (805) 568-2192 jhartmann@countyofsb.org

4th District: Peter Adam: (805) 737-7700 peter.adam@countyofsb.org

5th District: Steve Lavagnino: (805)346-8400 steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org

Email a Public Comment Letter To The Clerk Of The Board For Submission At The Budget Hearings. You may send it to sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. Please clearly state which Departments your letter is related to.

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Sent from my iPad

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: janejo49@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:55 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Please support funding for those vulnerable in our county.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I stand with CLUE Santa Barbara in encouraging the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to restore funding for Homeless Shelters & Warming Centers to protect the most vulnerable in our community from harm. We also encourage you to restore and expand funding for individuals with Behavioral Health needs – specifically those who need a level of care in Institute for Mental Disease or hospitals. Developing a new Crisis Residential Treatment program would be a wise preventative step. We also ask that you mitigate cuts to Social Services staff who assist people in our community in qualifying for important programs for healthcare, income and employment. Cuts to staff in Social Services could jeopardize Federal and State dollars and have unintended consequences on our County budget in the future.

Please consider that the last analysis of our county budget allocations for Behavioral Wellness revealed that we spend less per person in our county than comparison counties.

“Most comparison counties selected for this study spend more County Funds per capita to support MH (Mental Health) and ADP services than does Santa Barbara County.”* Benchmark County San Luis Obispo provides a county contribution of \$23,000 per 1,000 while Santa Barbara County contributes \$7,356 per 1,000. *Tri West Report: <http://bit.ly/triwest>

The Behavioral Wellness budget needs to be exempt from cuts in funding to those most vulnerable until there is a just distribution of county funds, comparable to other counties, based on data from an outside evaluation.

Sincerely,

Jane Warner
1534 Marquard Terrace
93101

Sent from my iPhone