

Rona Barrett

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Sunday, June 12, 2011

My dear County Supervisors:

Subject: Cutting the Budget of the County Human Services Funds

My name is Rona Barrett and I am the founder of the Rona Barrett Foundation in support of Seniors In Need. For the past 12 years I have spent my days finding ways to support all programs that have dealt with seniors in need. I am in the process of putting together a project called "The Golden Inn in a Golden Village" which hopefully will be one of many solutions to the growing crisis facing our seniors in need of affordable housing and all the necessities and programs that go with caring for this next phase of life.

Therefore, I beg you on June 15th with all the power you have, not to cut funding to Human Services Programs. It is these services and programs that have given thousands of people the help they need providing them with the dignity and respect they deserve! It is shameful and unconscionable that those who helped build this country into the great power that it still will get as a "Thank You" a shove under the carpet because they have no "paid" lobbying for them at the County, State and Federal levels. The cost to house them in a nursing home is far more expensive than having our local County programs do the job, much better and for less dollars thus saving the County substantial funds.

I am so thankful that I never had to send my father to a nursing home. We had Valley Haven in Santa Ynez to help him. I hope you will never have to send yours. I'm so glad this County also has such places as Friendship Center, and a facility like Garden Court. Don't let the people who need help the most lose the vital Human Resources Programs you are thinking of cutting. You just cannot allow this to happen.

Respectfully yours,

Rona Barrett

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Craig Markson [cmarkson@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:38 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: Human Services Funding
Attachments: 8-17-10 Executive and Elected Salaries for Posting v2.pdf

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm a self-employed bookkeeper for several County nonprofits, some of which will be greatly effected by cuts in Human Services funding. The County is well aware that the nonprofits provide vital human services that the County cannot offer. The County is also aware that due to decreases in investment income, private foundations are not funding nonprofits as much as they once did.

I have attached a list of County salaries that I was able to locate online. The salaries of these County employees are well above those of the employees of the nonprofits that I serve and far more than I earn myself.

I know many employees of the County and many employees of nonprofits. The employees of the County complain a lot more than those of the nonprofits, although their salaries are usually higher and their benefits are much greater. The County employees I know seemingly work for the government so they can retire early. The employees of the nonprofits make due on far less and have made a choice to earn less so that the organizations for which they serve have more to spend on the needy. I share the philosophy of the nonprofit employees. I live a simple life so that the organizations that I assist can use their donations to provide services to those in need.

Learning that the County plans to do away with its Human Services funding is extremely disappointing. I know what it is like to balance budgets. It is what I do for a living. I have seen my nonprofit clients freeze salaries, reduce retirement funding and require a higher percentage of health care premiums from their employees. The employees are earning less at a time when their workloads are more demanding due to increases in the number of individuals that require services.

One of my clients is the Friendship Adult Day Care Center. I have done their bookkeeping for over 15 years at their Montecito location. In order to handle the needs of the community, they are opening a second location in Goleta.

County funding to the Friendship Center has made it possible for nursing home placement of dependent elders to be postponed or eliminated altogether for their members. One hundred percent (100%) of respondents to their 2010 Client Satisfaction Survey indicated that the Friendship Center helped to deter placement

of their loved one in a long-term care facility.

Nonprofit agencies leverage substantial support from individuals, corporations, and private foundations. This leverage builds community support for resolving community problems and means that innovative projects can be undertaken to ensure that unmet needs are addressed.

The current public/private partnership in Santa Barbara County is worth sustaining. It is likely that if funding is eliminated, County services will be impacted. Thank you for your past support of human service agencies. A decision to maintain Human Services funding will save the County money now and in the future.

Respectfully,

Craig Markson
683-4288

August 2010
County of Santa Barbara
Estimated Annual Salary Executive and Elected Officials

Department	Job Title	Annual Salary
Agricultural Commissioner	Agricultural Commissioner - Sealer Weights and Measures	Vacant
Agricultural Commissioner	Assistant Director	92,476.11
Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services	ADMHS Director	165,562.88
Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services	Assistant ADMHS Director - Medical	221,234.72
Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services	Assistant ADMHS Director - Administration	148,185.52
Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services	Assistant Director	131,006.44
Auditor-Controller	Auditor-Controller - Elected	180,515.01
Auditor-Controller	Assistant Auditor-Controller	139,805.73
Auditor-Controller	Assistant Director - Systems	127,168.22
Auditor-Controller	Assistant Director - Internal Audit	127,168.22
Auditor-Controller	Assistant Director - Chief Accountant	95,376.17
Board of Supervisors - 1st District	Supervisor - Elected	84,200.22
Board of Supervisors - 2nd District	Supervisor - Elected	85,884.24
Board of Supervisors - 3rd District	Supervisor - Elected	84,200.22
Board of Supervisors - 4rd District	Supervisor - Elected	84,200.22
Board of Supervisors - 5th District	Supervisor - Elected	84,200.22
CEO/Human Resources	Assistant CEO/Human Resources Director	175,670.80
CEO/Human Resources	Assistant Human Resources Director	138,449.11
CEO/Human Resources	Assistant Human Resources Director	119,873.74
CEO/Human Resources	Assistant Human Resources Director	115,803.85
Child Support Services	Child Support Services Director	134,141.29
Child Support Services	Child Support Services Assistant Director	104,034.58
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Clerk-Recorder-Assessor - Elected	180,515.01
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Assistant County Recorder-Clerk-Assessor	139,899.65
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Assistant Director - Appraisals	119,890.43
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Assistant Director - Elections	119,890.43
County Counsel	County Counsel	190,658.41
County Counsel	Chief Assistant County Counsel	162,885.11
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County Executive Office	County Executive Officer	228,070.04

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Department	Job Title	Annual Salary
County Executive Office	Assistant CEO	175,670.80
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District Attorney	District Attorney - Elected	179,899.31
District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney	174,483.23
District Attorney	Assistant Director - District Attorney (non-attorney)	109,365.09
Fire	Fire Chief	194,102.16
Fire	Assistant Fire Chief	150,241.33
First Five	Children and Family Services Director	117,294.06
General Services	General Services Director	154,499.06
General Services	Assistant General Services Director - Support	120,408.04
General Services	Assistant General Services Director - Support	120,274.46
Housing and Community Development	Director Housing and Community Development (Interim)	140,999.57
Office of Emergency Services	Director Emergency Operations Services	133,884.57
Parks	Parks Director (Interim)	160,526.66
Parks	Deputy Parks Director	119,339.43
Planning & Development	Planning and Development Director	160,000.71
Planning & Development	Planning and Development Assistant Director	144,612.37
Probation	Chief Probation Officer	159,650.07
Probation	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	115,975.00
Probation	Chief Deputy Probation Officer	109,446.49
Probation	Assistant Director	105,837.86
Public Defender	Public Defender	183,979.63
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	163,676.12
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	163,676.12
Public Health	Public Health Director/Health Officer	220,754.68
Public Health	Medical Director	193,219.31
Public Health	Public Health Deputy Director	127,998.90
Public Health	Public Health Deputy Director	126,727.84
Public Health	Public Health Deputy Director	123,741.17
Public Health	Public Health Deputy Director	121,094.70

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Department	Job Title	Annual Salary
Public Works	Public Works Director	163,254.53
Public Works	Deputy Public Works Director	145,230.16
Public Works	County Surveyor - Deputy Public Works Director	135,299.64
Public Works	Deputy Public Works Director	130,808.16
Public Works	Assistant Director	130,445.00
SBC Employee Retirement	Chief Executive Officer	194,102.16
SBC Employee Retirement	Assistant Retirement Administrator	120,274.46
Sheriff	Sheriff-Coroner - Elected	189,266.30
Social Services	Social Services Director	161,680.84
Social Services	Assistant Director - PIO	131,716.06
Social Services	Deputy Social Services Director	122,200.88
Social Services	Deputy Social Services Director	122,200.88
Social Services	Deputy Social Services Director	110,408.65
Social Services	Deputy Social Services Director	109,504.93
Treasurer-Tax Collector	Treasurer-Tax Collector - Elected	180,515.01
Treasurer-Tax Collector	Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector	139,899.65

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Dixie Moore [mlm.dlm@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2011 7:07 PM
To: SupervisoCarbajal@co.santa-barbara.ca.us; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Cc: 'Heidi Holly'
Subject: Friendship Center funding
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing of behalf of the Friendship Adult Day Services Center to implore you to keep the \$1.2 million in Human Services funding intact.
Cuts in funding to Friendship Center are extremely harsh, especially as we open a new facility in Goleta to serve more frail elders and their caregivers.
Local non-profits provide a critical safety net for vulnerable populations.
Thank you for considering this request and for your dedicated service to our county.

Martin Moore, President
Friendship Center Board of Directors

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Emily Allen [emiallen@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 1:47 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Farr, Doreen; Wolf, Janet; Gray, Joni; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Service Level Impacts & Homeless Mentally Ill Indigent Recidivism
TO: Santa Barbara County Supervisors
FROM: Emily Allen
RE: Service Level Impacts & Homeless Mentally Ill Indigent Recidivism

Dear Supervisors,

After reviewing the expected service level impacts report I want to bring your attention to actions that will particularly impact the "mentally ill, possibly substance-abusing, uninsured, indigent, homeless individuals recycling in and out of jail" identified in the Grand Jury Report "Homeless Mentally Ill Indigent Recidivism: This Recycling Is Not Good for The County."

I realize you have difficult decisions to make. However, cuts to these programs would set the County of Santa Barbara back in the important work you have already done to assist the people identified in the most recent Grand Jury Report.

- 1. Elimination of the Propay Program:** Serving ADMHS clients who cannot manage their funds due to mental illness. Potential impacts could include increased homelessness, involuntary hospitalization, increased number of conservatorships and placement in Institutions for Mental Disease.
- 2. Elimination of Social Workers at the Public Defender's Office:** The loss of social workers would mean the withdrawal from all treatment courts. Potential impacts include an inability to get people out of jail, contributing to jail overcrowding.
- 3. Elimination of Drug Treatment Courts, Causing A Reduction of two Deputy District Attorneys:** Treatment courts show both success for participants and cost savings to the County. Potential impacts include an increase in the level of criminal activity in the community and occupancy in County Jail.
- 4. \$1.2 Million Cuts in Human Services Commission Funding:** To 75 non-profits with programs designed to help the poorest and most vulnerable, mostly with basics like food and shelter. Potential impacts include reduction in services to those in need and loss of the ability for non-profits to leverage County dollars when seeking Federal grants.

5. Elimination of the Community Service Work (CSW) Program: This would end services for 1,600 adult and juvenile offenders who provide 75,0000 hours of service to worksites across the County. Many offenders would be unable to satisfy their financial commitment without this valuable restorative justice program and the County and non-profits will lose a free work resource.

6. No Funding For Indigent Clients Without Severe Mental Illness But With Co-Occurring Conditions To Be Served Through CARES: Discontinuance of two part-time psychiatrists (non-civil servants) and \$80k of medications. Potential impacts include more untreated homeless mentally ill on our streets and in our County Jail.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Darla Kaiser [d_kaiser7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 5:04 PM
To: Wolf, Janet
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Budget Cuts
Consumer Advocacy Coalition

Dear Supervisor Wolf,

As members of the Consumer Advocacy Coalition (people by for and about people with mental disabilities) we feel that the upcoming proposed budget will put more people at risk of confinement in jail or mental institutions. The jail for those with mental illness is highly stressful because they may be denied their medications and can be placed in solitary confinement which is a totally inappropriate placement for these people. Treatment Courts are a better way to help people.

The discontinuance of two part time psychiatrist and \$80 thousand in medications for people who have a mental illness and have a co-occurring condition is also of great concern. With out proper care and medications these people are more likely to end up homeless on the streets or in jail.

We also concerned about the elimination of funding to the Human Services Commission. The Commission provides funding to non-profits that help the most vulnerable people in the County.

Finally, the elimination of Propay would have a direct impact of CAC members who need this service.

The cuts that are the most dangerous are the cuts to the people who are most vulnerable and do not have many other options. These are the people who are already suffering. How can you ask them to suffer more?

We need a budget for the people!

Darla Kaiser, Director
Consumer Advocacy Coalition
805-563-9340

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: John Day [john_day@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 7:42 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: john_day@verizon.net
Subject: Comment for Budget Hearings June 13, 15, & 16

Please accept the following comments relating to the budget hearings this week:

June 12, 2011

To Board of Supervisors,

I am a long-time resident of the County, a dedicated County employee, and a voter. As you enter into the budget hearing process, please consider first and foremost the people of the County and the services we provide to them.

Large-scale layoffs and cutting employee salaries and benefits will result in loss of experienced and dedicated personnel. Not only will you lose good people through the layoffs, but will likely lose many senior staff who are unable to endure salary and benefits cuts and excessive work loads. The resulting loss of institutional knowledge will result in a long term breakdown in the County's ability to provide adequate services.

I understand that the County contract negotiating team has flatly turned down proposals by SEIU that could save the County many millions of dollars, thereby reducing layoffs and salary/benefits cuts. In particular, an 80-hour unpaid furlough during the Christmas season would save a large amount. I assume that the negotiating team's refusal to consider this option is due to complaints by influential people who were inconvenienced by such furloughs in the past.

The massive cuts recommended by the County's CEO may seem like a judicious way to deal with the budget shortfall. However, the proposed cuts will impact County services for many years to come, and this will come back to bite the County when the reduced quality of services begins to directly affect the County's residents.

I urge you to explore and consider options like a furlough that will minimize long-term damage to the County's workforce. It will take a long time to rebuild an effective County organization out of its ashes, when economic conditions turn around and the public is clamoring for essential services.

Sincerely,
John Day

6/13/2011

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: wally@cafebuenosaires.com

Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 7:57 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Pro Pay Program

Please, do not cut the Pro Pay Program.

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: leah juniper [leahjuny@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 4:45 PM
To: Farr, Doreen; SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Gray, Joni; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Budget Hearing

Dear Supervisor,

As a member of the Consumer Advocacy Coalition I am very concerned about the loss of social workers at the Public Defender's Office.

Because this sticks people in jail longer with out support and with out a liaison to the outside world. More time in jail doesn't lead to recovery. If you don't care about this from a humane perspective this will also result in costly jail overcrowding.

Leah Juniper
Deputy Director, Consumer Advocacy Coalition

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: mertil2@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 8:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't cut ProPay

Board of Supervisors

Dear Sirs:

I urge you to forego cutting the ProPay program, From long experience dealing with both those addicted, or mentally ill, I can assure you that any funds received without the supervision of ProPay will instantly go to the drugs or alcohol (or both) that is helping to keep these sick people---helpless.

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Sincerely,
Merrill Tilghman
1622 Olive St.
Santa Barbara,
CA

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