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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 9:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Human Services Funding

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Sent: 6/13/2011 9:17:41 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Human Services Funding

Dear Supervisors and Staff,

I am writing to express my concern as a resident of this county and as current President of Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels with regard to the possibility that the entire Human Services funding budget will be eliminated for fiscal year 2012. This is not an action I support, and I find it difficult to believe the vast majority of those who live in this county would favor it either.

Obviously, you must make cuts in the budget, but the logic of "zeroing out" the Human Services category, which supports some of the most vulnerable residents of this area, escapes me. Although Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels receives only a small amount of its support from the County, other organizations are not so fortunate and would have to dramatically curtail their services if you approve the elimination of Human Services funding. Moreover, in the case of our program, which is primarily operated through volunteers, the lack of even a token amount of funding from the County may well lead to reductions in support from foundations and other sources. And that would adversely affect our ability to serve our elderly and otherwise incapacitated clients.

Seniors, persons living in poverty, and individuals with disabilities (often the same people) are struggling disproportionately as a result of the ongoing economic difficulties. Telling them that organizations with proven track records of improving the quality of their lives are no longer deemed worthy of support by the County not only seems particularly callous, but also likely to place more demands on the public sector. This in turn could increase rather than mitigate the County's budget shortfall problems.

My understanding is that you will be discussing Human Services funding at a meeting this week, and I hope that during your deliberations you will come up with a more equitable means of addressing the County's budgetary dilemma.

Thanks for your consideration,

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From: Joanne Talbot [joanne.talbot.mft@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 2:31 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Human Services Fund pending cuts

AS a board member of Santa Barbara Friendship Center and a resident of SB county I oppose severe cuts to funding of the agencies supported by Human Services Fund. Please consider the lasting effects that action will have on our community.

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Joanne Talbot

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From: Deborah Barnes [lifesaverservices07@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 9:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fw: URGENT NO CUTS PLEASE READ NOW

Dear Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Gray and Lavagnino,

I am a long-time resident and voter. I have worked extremely hard to stay in this county and raise my family here and operate several businesses.

Our county has been through this tough stuff before and we undoubtedly will face much more in the future with an economy like this. But of all the items to cut it should never be services to the needy or those in your offices who help serve them. We cannot take the cuts in these vital areas of services including the elderly, mentally ill, our Vets, foster care youth and children, as well as Propay and the social worker in the Public Defender's offices.

Public safety, jails, and human services must stay supported at 100%. If you remove services due to budget cuts, you will make this county very uncomfortable, with possibly over 300 new homeless on our streets, pay much more in the long run because of costs due to police, hospitals, jails, and outreach services, and it all can be prevented by cutting other top heavy executive positions and areas . With Goleta as a city, we should have more services at less cost if calculated correctly. That's about 1/3 the population that was removed from these vital services if I am not mistaken. So we should provide more services now!

As for our jails, we need a north county jail! Our local SB jail is so maxed out with north county prisoners, that it is not possible to jail those from our own city/local area and has not been available for us to do that for a very long time. We need our own jail and we cannot keep running vans and sheriffs back and forth every day 5 days per week to the hearings and court dates in the north and bring them back down here to the south county. It is ridiculous and any corporation would be investigated for such abusive, expensive and poor business methods.

The jail and public safety need stay in place please.

I have every faith you will accomplish this budget and prevent the loss of these vital services. I now serve in the streets as a full time volunteer of our county with those in poverty. I see everyday the needs and they are already dwindling. I see new middle aged homeless women in terrified condition because they had a choice of paying insurance or rent. Insurance is what had to hold out and now they are homeless. So many new families have poured into the streets, living in cars or behind a shop. Moving all the time. Homeless children make me sleepless. Do they make you sleepless too?

With our country in turmoil, and no job prospects in our county, we need these vital key services more than ever. Please hear this plea.

If you cannot make this budget work out, please put it to a vote of the people.

Thank you for your kind attention

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 5:09 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob
Subject: County Budget
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Supervisors,

I am concerned about possible cuts to the social worker in the public defender's office as well as the Propay job in ADMHS, and proposed cuts to other social service programs with matching federal grants.

As the mother of someone who WAS addicted to substances and diagnosed as Bi-Polar, I know that supportive services DO SAVE LIVES of those struggling with mental illness and/or substance-use disorders.

Because my son DID receive supportive services, he got through rehab and is today financially independent, mentally sound, and putting two kids through college.

Please do everything possible to protect the needed supportive services that make or break the lives of those who are MOST FRAGILE.

Thank you,

Sharon Rose
Goleta Resident
805 570 5229

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Chill, Christina [C_CHILL@ci.lompoc.ca.us]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:05 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Please reconsider Human Service Funds

I know you are busy, so I won't take up too much of your time but hope that you will take a few minutes and consider your own life as an adult and how you would function without the ability to **read** and **write**.

Simple every day tasks like reading your emails, deciphering a bus schedule, or writing a check would be daunting. More challenging tasks like reading the want ads, balancing a checkbook, or filling out a job application could be virtually impossible without help from a confidant.

Nearly every thing we do on the job, at home, and in the community requires a certain level of reading, writing, and reasoning skills, yet nearly a fifth of English speaking residents in Santa Barbara County are illiterate.

Many are immigrants, who have learned to speak English well enough to get by, but lack the literacy skills to compete for 21st century jobs. Others were born in the United States, but for a variety of reasons failed in our traditional school system. Some are drop outs. Some have learning disabilities. And believe it or not, some have graduated from high school without having acquired the necessary skills to function in today's information driven society.

For 21 years, the Library in Lompoc has been giving these adults a second chance and an opportunity to succeed in life through free individualized tutoring by professionally trained volunteers. Our "Each one Teach one" method is not only cost effective, but it has been highly successful in helping 2,000 Lompoc, Vandenberg Village, and Buellton residents improve their skills and achieve their goals from getting a job to enrolling in college. As a result, many have moved off welfare or other county services, and are productive citizens in our community.

The economic crisis in Lompoc has put this program in jeopardy, and this is why we turned to the County Human Services Commission for help. We have not been a recipient of Human Service funds in the past, but are one of the many programs which stands to lose, if you do not include Human Services funds in the County's 2012 budget. Please do the **write** thing!

Thank you for your time and consideration

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"One adult unable to read is one too many in America" U.S Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings

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From: Director [director@ussb.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 5:24 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Cc: Gary Bialis (bialisfoundation@gmail.com); Mickiewicz, Michele; Minister; Congregational Life; Neufeldt Susan; Director; Bacheller Glenn
Subject: Warming Center Request for 2011-2012 general funds; 2010-2011 report
Attachments: Freedom Warming Centers 2010-2011 Report to County Supervisors.doc

Dear Honorable Members of Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Greetings to you all, and thank you for your difficult and challenging work of budget planning for our upcoming year in the County of Santa Barbara.

I have attached a memorandum for your review, that includes a request from the Warming Centers for 2011-2012 general funds, as well as a report on our 2010-2011 operating year. I understand this will be considered in your budget hearings under "General County Programs-Outside Organizations Requests".

On behalf of all the interfaith communities, advocates, and guests served by the Warming Centers, I thank you for your support this past year, and your consideration of our request.

I look forward to working closely with you again in the coming year.

Please contact me with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

Nancy Edmundson

Director of Administration

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From: holly tatomer [hollytatomer@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 7:41 PM

To: Website Email Address, ADMHS; sbcob

Cc: holly tatomer; jon tat

Subject: budget/admhs

To all SB County Board of Supervisors: Clerk of the Board, please forward this email to all the members. Thank you so much.

Please, please, DO NOT eliminate "Propay." For the past 3 years, It has been a life enhancing assist for my family member, Nick Tatomer. The consistency, reliability, and relationship within the ACT Program has provided him much opportunity for growth as well as peace of mind. Previously, I served as Payee for Nick for 6-7 years and we had many challenges within that relationship. Propay has been the best. What are the alternatives?

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely, Holly Tatomer and Jon Tatomer, his parents.