

Public Comment - Group 2

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From: Sharon Broberg <slbroberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:50 AM
To: sbcob; +dwilliams@countyofsb.org; +jwolf@countyofsb.org;
+jhartmann@countyofsb.org; +peter.adam@countyofsb.org;
+steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org
Subject: Please support funding for those vulnerable in our county.

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

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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,
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From: Birdie Newborn <birdie.newborn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:59 AM
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From: Alena Simon <asimon@fwwatch.org>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:10 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
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From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:28 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Budget cuts to social services

To the members of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County

I am greatly concerned about budget cuts to important social service programs in the county. The health of a community can be measured by the health of its neediest residents, which includes people who are unable to find housing, jobs, mental health services or medical treatment, and children and the elderly. I urge you to restore all funding to the following departments:

Community Services, Behavioral Wellness and Social Services.

These funds are desperately needed to maintain homeless shelters and warming centers, hospital beds and residential treatment for the mentally ill, CalFresh, CalWorks, Medi-Cal, supportive and protective services for children and the elderly, foster care, subsidized employment and general relief. We cannot afford to ignore these needs.

Susan Shields
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