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January 20, 2000

Agenda: February 1, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON INTRASTATE FUNDING FORMULA ALLOCATION TO LOCAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Dear Members of the Board:

On December 7, 1999 your Board reviewed a report submitted by Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) regarding the status of funding allocated to the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the state Department of Aging under the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF). The FNS report indicated that the state Department of Aging is not abiding by the hold harmless factor of the statutorily mandated intrastate funding formula, and consequently local senior programs are underfunded each year by approximately \$116,000. Your Board continued the matter and directed staff to return on this date with additional recommendations based on the FNS report.

Last month Human Resources Agency staff met with the FNS Executive Director and the Seniors Council Board President to review the findings of the FNS report, and to develop an action plan to address this issue. Given the recent change in state administration and the appointment of a new Director of the Department of Aging, FNS and Seniors Council have solicited Assemblyman Keeley's assistance in pursuing an administrative solution to this funding dispute. (See attachments A and B.) It is anticipated that a meeting with Assemblyman Keeley will take place in late February, and with your Board's approval, HRA will participate in the meeting to convey the concern that the local AAA does not receive its full allocation under the intrastate funding formula.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this follow-up report, and direct the Human Resources Agency to participate in meetings with Assemblyman Keeley concerning the intrastate funding formula to the Local Area Agency on Aging, and report back on

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the status of this funding in the June budget hearing process.

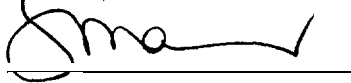
Very truly yours,



CECILIA ESPINOLA
Administrator

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RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Seniors Council
Food and Nutrition Services



AREA AGENCY ON AGING
San Benito & Santa Cruz Counties

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FOSTER GRANDPARENT/SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Monterey, San Benito & Santa Cruz Counties

January 13, 2000

Assemblyman Fred Keeley, 27th District
701 Ocean Street, Room 3 18-B
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Senior Services Funding

Dear Assemblyman Keeley:

I am writing to bring to your attention and to solicit your assistance with an issue that **affects** seniors in your district. As you know, the Seniors Council provides funding for nutrition and supportive services for seniors in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties (Planning and Service Area 13). The funds for these vital services consists of federal and state money provided through the California Department of Aging. The federal and state funds are authorized by the Older Americans Act and **the** Older Californians Act.

Over the past several years the federal and state funding for PSA 13 has been reduced. The funding for the **PSA's** in California is determined by CDA using the legislated **Intrastate** Funding Formula. The IFF contains a Hold Harmless Clause which states that no PSA will have its allocation of federal and state funds less than which was received in the 1984 and 1985 fiscal year. It has long been our opinion that the **funding** reduction that we have experienced violates the Hold Harmless Clause of the Intrastate Funding Formula. I have enclosed a careful report from Sam Storey, Executive Director of Food & Nutrition Services, which gives a detailed analysis of the amount of funding involved. I realize that the amount at issue is minuscule in light of CDA's entire budget. The consequences of this shortfall in our area, however, are significant: Local seniors do not receive the services, meals, ombudsman and legal assistance which they need and which they would receive if CDA followed the law.

Before the change in administration, the Seniors Council and several local service agencies tried on several occasions to initiate a dialogue on this problem with **CDA's** previous director. We pointed out that CDA was violating the statute and that negotiations were a more responsible alternative than litigation. Nothing positive came out of that effort. We are hopeful that you will review the situation and be able to assist us in initiating more meaningful negotiations with CDA to resolve this matter amicably.

Sam and I would like to meet with you to discuss the matter in more detail. We will be calling your office in the near future to schedule a meeting. Meanwhile, please call either Sam or myself if you would like more information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Terry Hancock

Seniors Council Board President

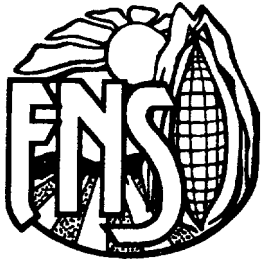
cc: Seniors Council Board of Directors
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FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES, INC. 0152
family Services **Senior Services** **Transportation Services**

January 19, 2000

The Honorable Fred Keeley
Assemblyman, 27th District
701 Ocean Street - Suite 3 18
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Dear Assemblyman Keeley:

I wanted to write in conjunction with the January 13, 2000, letter from Terry Hancock, President of the Seniors Council Board of Directors, concerning funding for senior services.

As you may recall, we have spoken briefly about the Hold Harmless clause of the Intrastate Funding Formula and our belief that the current level of funding is in violation of that clause. Since our conversations, we have been working with the County of Santa Cruz and the Seniors Council to evaluate and move this issue forward.

As you can see from our report, there has been a significant reduction in funding for senior meals in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. For this reason, FNS wants to work diligently with the Seniors Council on this issue.

We look forward to discussing this issue with you in more detail.

Sincerely,

Sam Storey, esq.
Executive Director

cc: Terry Hancock, Seniors Council
Gary McNeil, Human Resources Agency