

**Senior Services Coalition**  
of Alameda County

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*Adult Day Services Network  
of Alameda County  
Afghan Elderly Association  
Alameda Alliance for Health  
Alameda County  
Commission on Aging  
Alameda County  
Community Food Bank  
Alameda County Meals on  
Wheels  
Alzheimer's Services of the  
East Bay  
Bay Area Community  
Services  
Berkeley Adult Day Health  
Care  
Center for Elders  
Independence  
Crisis Support Services  
Community Resources for  
Independent Living  
Eden I&R  
Eden Housing Resident  
Services  
Family Bridges, Inc  
City of Fremont Human  
Services Department  
Fruitvale Senior Center  
J-Sei  
Korean Community Center  
of the East Bay  
Lavender Seniors  
Legal Assistance for Seniors  
City of Livermore Parks and  
Recreation Department  
Life ElderCare  
Lifelong Medical Care  
Oakland Commission on  
Aging  
Oakland Department of  
Human Services  
Public Authority for IHSS  
Rebuilding Together  
Oakland  
Satellite Affordable Housing  
Associates  
Senior Support Services of  
the Tri Valley  
SOS Meals on Wheels  
Spectrum Community  
Services  
St. Mary's Center  
Tri-City Elders Coalition  
United Seniors of Oakland  
and Alameda County  
Vietnamese American  
Community Center of  
the East Bay*

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The Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Carson and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Senior Services Coalition members and the seniors and families they serve, I want to thank you for supporting Alameda County Social Services Agency Director Lori Cox in allocating funding in the FY 2013-14 Budget to backfill federal Sequester cuts to Older Americans Act services.


We appreciate your courageous stance in recognizing that Alameda County has a stake in keeping our growing population of low-income seniors stable and protecting vital services from the intransigent actions of Congress. Your support will have a profound impact this year as community-based programs continue to help older adults meet the challenges of aging and live successfully in the community.

Sequester cuts targeted meal programs, case management, adult day care, information and assistance, friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, community services, legal services, health services, elder abuse prevention funding and HICAP. All vital, often provide life-line interventions. After years of federal and state reductions, access to these services is woefully inadequate. The Sequester cuts threatened to diminish these services even further, at a time when growing numbers of older adults need them.

We are all too aware that we may be facing the same, or even more serious cuts in the next fiscal year. While Senior Services Coalition and many other policy advocates will be working hard to urge California to take the lead and ensure adequate funding for Older Californians Act services, we can't ignore the possibility that Alameda County will be grappling with the same difficult decisions again next year.

SSC and our members are committed to working with you and with Agency leadership to proactively address these challenges, and we hope that we can count on your support for senior services.

Sincerely,



Wendy Peterson  
Director