

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

*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.

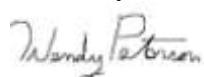
We appreciate your courageous stance in recognizing that Alameda County has a stake in keeping our growing population of low-income seniors stable and protecting vital services from the intransigent actions of Congress. Your support will have a profound impact this year as community-based programs continue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