

YUBA SUTTER AREA PLAN COMMITTEE

January 10, 2017

Governing Board
Attn: Eldon Luce
Agency on Aging Area 4
1401 El Camino Ave., 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: Yuba Sutter Area Plan
Recent Vote on Funding Fix-It Program vs Respite Care

Dear Governing Board:

Several members of our Yuba Sutter Area Plan Committee respectively request the Board consider holding a special meeting for reconsideration of its recent vote on distribution of funds to the Fix-It Program instead of the Respite Care Program.

The reconsideration request is being made on the grounds Supervisor Vasquez was a sitting representative for Supervisor Fletcher and perhaps not fully aware of the Area Plan Committee's work and findings as to the decisions we made.

Respite care in the Yuba Sutter area has a waiting list of over 30. In trying to keep seniors in their homes, the need for respite care becomes greater.

The Fix-It Program is also needed for our seniors. There are churches and a program established at the Yuba City Senior Center with funds available. We also believe the service clubs, such as Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Clubs (there are 3 in Yuba Sutter) and others could be contacted for possible senior fix-it assistance.

Please understand our Committee did not come to our decision easily to fund respite care. We worked very hard to determine what we felt was the best use of the funding. We tried to weigh all pros and cons to both programs. We simply felt respite care is becoming a major issue and the additional funding would help many more in need of this program.

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I apologize for not being at your meeting to speak publicly. My children bought my husband and I a get-away package for my birthday and our anniversary and we will be leaving early Friday morning.

Thank you for any consideration you may give.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Epley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pam Epley
Yuba Sutter Area Plan Committee