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**FW: Agenda Item Number 2.19 – Older Adult Health and Wellness Program in FY 2025-2026 Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Budget.**

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Dear Council Member Foley,

The purpose of this email is to urge you to make budget adjustments to ensure the Older Adults Health and Wellness Grant (OAHWG) Program remains fully funded and operational in FY 2025-2026. Over the years, the OAHWG has provided essential services to reduce isolation, offer legal assistance, health insurance counseling, and other cultural programs that promote well-being and feelings of connectedness among seniors in our city.

As an advocate for older adults, a caregiver, and a resident of District 9, I have been proud of your support for services that help older adults during difficult times. The city has shown that, with a bit of assistance, we can all age with dignity by receiving the essential tools and resources needed to manage our health and lives effectively.

Thanks to you and other like-minded council members, the city of San Jose has restored \$300,000 in funding. However, this still represents a 43% cut in the funds, which jeopardizes critical services that are needed now more than ever. We need your advocacy, as without the full grant amount, many local nonprofits that assist seniors in our city will be severely impacted, and in turn, those who rely on the services provided by these nonprofits will be at a substantial disadvantage. At a time when budgets are tight, this investment will provide many with hope and support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Sonya Casares  
District 9 resident  
Vice President, Sourcewise Board of Directors

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council members,

On behalf of the 78,000 AARP members in San Jose, I'd like to express our concern about the impact to older adults, if the Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) Program is not funded at the FY2024-25 level.

We applaud the Mayor's directive in the June Budget Message to the City Manager to allocate \$300,000 in one-time funding from the Essential Services Reserve to support the OAHW Program, however, this still leaves a reduction of 43% from the previous year's budget. This represents a cut to legal assistance, cultural/language programs and support, access to social services, caregiving support, and programs to address social isolation. Some of these programs are preventative in nature, some are direct services for the most vulnerable elders, and others help keep our diverse community of older adults included, cared for and valued.

We implore you to look for budget adjustments to **fully fund the program at FY 2024-25 levels, supporting older adults with critical services that they need** in the year ahead – and beyond.

Sincerely,

Sophie C. Horiuchi-Forrester  
Regional Director, AARP California- San Jose Metro  
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My name is Debbie Ow and I am an older adult living in District 7. I am representing AARP as an Advocate for the 78,000 members residing in San Jose. Please fully fund the successful Older Adult Health Wellness Program at FY 2024-2025 levels. This program provides critical services such as legal advice, dental healthcare, culturally relevant social environments and digital access to our most vulnerable older adult residents. At the current budgeted level of \$300,000, a 47% decrease, this program will not provide these essential services at adequate levels to our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

Debora Ow  
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