

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 9, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Challenges Related To The Proposed Reduction In Days Of
Operation Among Senior Nutrition Congregate Sites

Supervisorial
District: All

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BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2009 Budget Workshop, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about proposed reductions in the department to meet Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund allocation targets. During the workshop, the Board of Supervisors requested information about reductions related to the Senior Nutrition Services (SNS) Congregate Program. Specifically, DHA presented a proposal to reduce the number of days each week that meals are served at 16 of the 24 sites. Supervisor Notolli asked how the geographical and logistical challenges would be handled for those seniors that will be traveling to two different sites for their meals.

DISCUSSION

SNS staff have identified "sister sites" based on their proximity to one another, and the sites' ability to handle additional guests. Most of the sites are within a fairly short distance from one another. SNS has also involved Para Transit in their planning efforts. Para Transit has agreed to transport the seniors that they currently serve to the alternate site at no additional charge. Also, SNS and the site coordinators are working with the seniors at impacted sites to ensure that all seniors who want to dine at the designated alternate site have transportation to get there. The six dining sites that are within incorporated cities that contribute to the costs and/or staffing will continue to have meals provided five days per week. Those sites include: Senior Center of Elk Grove; Cordova Senior Center; Chabolla Community Center (Galt); Folsom Senior Center; Rusch Park (Citrus Heights); and, Crosswoods Community Center (Citrus Heights).

Respectfully submitted,

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