

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING

City of Oakland Department of Human Services

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AGENDA

April 2, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

City Hall Hearing Room One
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Appointment of new Commissioner Wade W. Sherwood and Re-appointment of Commissioner Annie McCoy**
 - *Tracy Jensen ~ Senior Services Administrator*
5. **Lavender Seniors of the Bay Area**
 - *Dan Ashbrook, Executive Director*
6. **Resolution Opposing State Cuts to Senior Programs ~ action item**
 - *Tracy Jensen ~ Senior Services Administrator*
7. **Alameda County Elder Abuse Issues – Victim and Witness Assistance Program**
 - *Dena Aindow ~ Senior Victim/Witness Consultant, Alameda County District Attorney*

8. Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED)

- *Jeff Weiss ~ Senior Services Supervisor*

9. Vietnamese Senior Center Report

- *Trung Nguyen ~ Director, Vietnamese Community Development, Inc.*

10. Committee Reports

- *Set-Aside Committee Evaluation Reports ~ Commissioner Bond*

11. Open Forum – 3 minutes per speaker

Speakers are requested to sign in with staff in advance. Individuals may also address the Commission during discussion of Agenda items. Available time may be limited.

12. Announcements/Correspondence

13. Adjournment

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Whereas, in February 2008 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced a budget proposal which severely reduces the services and programs for senior residents of California; and,

Whereas, on February 15, 2008 the California Legislature agreed to current year budget cuts that restrict Oakland seniors' access to critical programs by reducing reimbursement to MediCal, Adult Day Health Care, and Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) providers; and

Whereas, the Legislature will be addressing 2008-09 Budget proposals which include substantial reductions to programs that help seniors to remain independent and safe in the community, including In Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, Nutrition programs, and Ombudsman programs; and,

Whereas, these cuts will disproportionately impact frail and low income Oakland senior residents by reducing their access to services and increasing the out of pocket costs for services;

Therefore, be it Resolved that on April 2, 2008 The Oakland Mayor's Commission on Aging calls on the Governor and the Legislature to support and fund programs that meet the needs of older adults, especially Oakland's frail and low income senior residents.

Further, the Commission condemns the Governor's proposed budget cuts that would reduce essential services to Oakland's senior residents. We call on the Governor and the Legislature to pursue a balanced approach to solving California's budget crisis.

Brenda Crawford, Chairperson