

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 05/09/2017 by the following vote:

AYE:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2017/163

In The Matter Of: Recommendation that the 2017-2018 California State Budget Return Appropriate Funding to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program

WHEREAS, funding of the IHSS program is provided for by Federal, State, and County authorities; and

WHEREAS, State funding for the IHSS program accounts for 35% of the program's budget; and

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa currently faces a severe shortage of homecare workers to provide services; and

WHEREAS, the State has eliminated the Maintenance of Effort (MOE), a funding mechanism to maintain funding for the IHSS program; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the MOE creates a gap of \$623 million in the funding of IHSS; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the MOE will cost the County of Contra Costa an estimated \$12 million for the first fiscal year (2017-2018).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Contra Costa Board of Supervisors ask Governor Brown and the California State Legislature to work to return the proposed \$623 million withdrawal from IHSS funding to the State budget; and:

- Establish a strategic partnership with long term advocates including the caregiver's union, SEIU 2015, to advocate for and restore appropriate funding for the IHSS program
- Develop retention and outreach programs to attract caregivers to alleviate the current crisis
- Identify and support ongoing efforts to alleviate the current crisis, such as the Caregivers Summit organized by the Department of Adult Protective Services
- Collect and review information on the challenges facing delivery of this program to develop improved strategies to incentivize provider enrollment
- Work collectively to ensure support for this critical program that supports seniors, people with disabilities, and their families.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 9, 2017

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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