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University of California Cooperative Extension - An Overview

Who We Are

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is a public outreach arm of the University of California, a land grant institution. Land-grant universities are United States institutions of higher education designated to receive Morrill Acts (1862 and 1890) funding. In 1914, through an act of Congress, Cooperative Extension became the official land grant service that directly connects U.S. residents with university knowledge and expertise. UCCE serves 57 California counties. It is funded cooperatively by USDA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the University of California (UC), county government and private grants and gifts - hence the name Cooperative Extension. Currently, we receive *just 12%* of our overall funding from the County. But a loss of this 12% means a loss of ALL funding – which currently totals over $3.2 million.

What We Do

Cooperative Extension is residents' direct connection to UC knowledge and expertise. Our UC Advisors, all with Master degrees or Ph.D.s, work and live in this community, saving public dollars and enhancing the quality of life for people in many ways – from providing science-based solutions that sustain local farms and nurseries; to delivering educational programs on nutrition; to eco-friendly pest management; to safe guarding homes from wildfires; to keeping aquatic invasives out of our water; to fostering skills young people need to grow into productive adults.

How We Are Cost Effective

Highlights from a few of our many programs:

- *Integrated Pest Management Outreach & Education Program*: We teach farmers and residents how to reduce pesticide usage. Pesticide run-off, 60% of which is generated by homeowners, make their way into the waterways resulting in municipalities being fined *$27,000 per day*! We were awarded first place in the 2000 California State Association of Counties Challenge Awards Program because our program is highly effective.
- *Adult Expanded Food & Nutrition Program (EFNEP):* We teach low-income families healthful ways of eating and stretching food dollars. A national evaluation showed that for every dollar invested in EFNEP, $10.64 is saved in healthcare costs and $2.48 in food expenditures.
- *Cherry Buckskin Disease Task Force:* We provide leadership, education, and scientific management protocols to eliminate this deadly new disease that could decimate our Contra Costa cherry industry worth millions of dollars.
- *Estuarine & Aquatic Research & Management*: Through research and education, we prevent the spread of Eurasian mussel (zebra and quagga). Costs to control these species may total up to $91 million/year in California, which will be passed on to utilities and residents
- *4-H Youth Development Program*: We offer youth positive opportunities. A national study showed that 4-H youth are more likely to be engaged, effective citizens and to refrain from risky behaviors than youth participating in any other organization.

Last year we collaborated with, and provided services to 147 County departments, municipalities and non-profit organizations. A complete list appears on the back of this handout.

COLLABORATOR LIST

These are agencies we served in the past year. They include County Departments, municipalities, and community organization

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

Agriculture
Community Development
Fire Marshal
Public Works – Flood Control

COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS:

Agricultural Task Force
Countywide Youth Commission
Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank
Welcome Home Baby
CCC Farm Bureau
Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust
Brentwood Corn Growers Association
Harvest Time in Brentwood
CCC Wine and Olive Growers Association
Contra Costa Times
Contra Costa/Alameda Cattlemen's Association
Contra Costa/Alameda Weed Management Area
Muir Heritage Land Trust
Contra Costa County Office of Education
Contra Costa Childcare Council
Parenting Task Force
Mt. Diablo High School
Mt. Diablo Adult Education
Bel Air School – Bay Point
Contra Costa Vector Control
Markham Arboretum
Heather Farm
Tilden Botanical Garden
Ruth Bancroft Garden
Lindsay Museum
Diablo Valley Junior College
Annie's Annuals
CAIHIP
Diablo Fire Safe Council
Bay Area Pest control Operators
City of Pittsburg – Public Works
City of San Ramon
City of Richmond, Public Works
City of Pleasant Hill, Parks Department

COLLABORATOR LIST (continued)

City of Walnut Creek Open Space and Trails
City of Walnut Creek, Parks Department – Public Services
City of Brentwood, Parks and Recreation
City of Walnut Creek Golf Course
City of Oakley, Par & Landscape
California State Parks
Sustainable Conservation
Orinda Blue Pine Service
Contra Costa Landscaping
Town of Danville
National Park Service
California Building Officials
NISH – Pacific West Region
Western So2 Systems, INC
Landscape Architect
Richmond Country Club
Orinda Country Club
Boys and Girls Club, East County (Antioch Middle School and Rancho Medanos Middle School)
Building Blocks for Kids, Richmond
Cares After School Program, MDUSD
City of San Pablo, Recreation Department, Youth Program
City of Antioch, Recreation Department, Youth Program
Contra Costa County Workforce Services, Antioch
Contra Costa County Workforce Services, Pleasant Hill
Contra Costa County Workforce Services, Hercules
Contra Costa County Workforce Services, Richmond
Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services-ILSP, Bissell Cottages, Appian House, Calli House
Making Waves Education Program (youth and adults), Richmond
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal TANF Program
YMCA of the East Bay (youth and adults-4 sites)
Richmond High School Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program
New Horizons Career Development Center, Rodeo
Ujima East, Ujima West, Corbin House (Family Recovery Services)
Brighter Beginnings, Antioch
Head Start Center-Concord & Pittsburg
First Five Centers-Brentwood, Bay Point, Concord, San Pablo
Family Stress Center-Proud Fathers, Antioch & Concord
Jewish Family & Children Services
Bay Point and Pittsburg Senior Center
Pittsburg Adult Education Center
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Greater Richmond Interfaith Program
Kaiser Permanente-Get Fit Project

John Muir Community Health Alliance-Antioch & Monument Corridor
COLLABORATIVE LIST (continued)

John Muir Faith and Health Partnership
Contra Costa Clean Water Program
Aquarium of the Bay
East Bay Metropolitan Utility District (EB MUD)
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Restore the Delta
Natural Heritage Institute
Solano County Environmental Educators Group
Natural Resources Defense Council
Marine Conservation Biology Institute
International Association for Society and Natural Resources (journal reviews)
Chevron Shipping Company LLC
Matson Navigation Company (shipping Oakland)
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
APL Limited (Maritime Shipping, Oakland)
Bluewater Network (NGO)

MUNICIPALITIES:

Moraga/Orinda Fire Protection District
Contra Costa Fire Protection District
CCC Resource Conservation District
Contra Costa Water District
Contra Costa Waste Management
Contra Costa Sanitary District
East Bay Metropolitan Utility District
East Bay Regional Park District
CCC Resource Conservation District
East Bay Regional Parks District
Mt. Diablo Unified School District
Acalanes Unified High School District
Orinda Union School District
Antioch Unified School District, AUSD (5 schools)
Mt. Diablo Unified School District, MDUSD (11 schools)
Martinez Unified School District, MUSD (2 school)
Pittsburg Unified School District, PUSD (youth and adults-8 schools)
West Contra Costa Unified School District, WCCUSD (youth and adults-8 schools)

FEDERAL:

USDA Farm Services Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service (Antioch Dunes)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
US Department of Defense – Navy – Concord Naval Base
US Fish and Wildlife Service

COLLABORATIVE LIST (continued)

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Sea Grant is under NOAA (National Sea Grant College Program)
Environmental Protection Agency
National Marine Fisheries Service
Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Estuarine Reserve
San Francisco Estuary Project
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
U.S. Coast Guard

REGIONAL:

Port of San Francisco
Port of Oakland
Port of Long Beach
Port of Richmond
Port of Stockton and Sacramento
Association of Bay Area Governments
Delta Protection Commission
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

STATE:

CA State Water Resources Control Board
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
California Department of Fish & Game
CA Department of Boating and Waterways
CA State Lands Commission
California Environmental Protection Agency
UC Lawrence Berkeley Hall of Science
CSU California Maritime Academy
California Land and Water Use Partnership

Cooperative Extension Funding
2008/2009
Direct & Indirect

	County	UC/State	Federal	Extramural	TOTAL
2.8 FTE adm support, building, S&E, cars, travel, phones	385,152				385,152
5.5 FTE academics, 3.5 FTE program staff, .5FTE adm support, program materials, internal grants(CCP/safety), staff dev, etc		1,223,291			1,223,291
Portion of all Advisor salaries (above), nutrition program staff, etc			364,431		364,431
Sea Grant Program - .5 Advisor, grants, collaborative projects			234,330	6,000	240,330
Master Gardener funds				2,000	2,000
4-H endowed scholarships, fundraisers, small community grants				77,126	77,126
Master Gardener volunteer hours – 9500 @$19/hr*				180,500	180,500
4-H volunteer support – 39,356 volunteer hours per year @ $19/hr*				747,764	747,764
	385,152	1,223,291	598,761	1,013,390	**3,220,594**
County percentage	**12%**				

For every $1 the County contributes, $8 additional comes from other sources.

The Independent Sector values volunteer service at $19 per hour

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March 17, 2009

Evelyn Launius
2 Rialto Dr.
Clayton, CA 94517

To the Board of Supervisors:

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke acknowledged that the current recession began in December 2007.

In December 2007 you voted a collective 68% raise for the Board. You followed this action by approving pay ~~adjustments~~ increases, in spring 2008, for select groups of unrepresented management. Specifically:

- Approving the CAO to remove CAO Management Analysts performance pay steps and convert them to regular pay steps.
- Approving salary ~~adjustments~~ increases HR analysts.
- Approving salary increases for select Directors that varied from 17%-38%. In the case of the former CIO, his salary increased in less than a 12 month window from $147k to $176k.

These ~~adjustments~~ increases were approved and administered during a known recession!

Your actions increased take home pay and retirement for a select group of CCC unrepresented management employees and elected officials.

- What reason did you, the Board, approve this?
- What plans are there to rescind any of these pay *Adjustments?

*Adjustments that could fund public service programs.

Joan Monroe
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& recommendations

I believe you have the assessments that I gave to Luis Quinonez so there's not much more to say but...

I would like to emphasize:

The criminal justice system is not the place for budget cuts.
Why is there so much higher a budget for defense than for prosecution?
Drunk driving and other misdemeanors bring in county revenue. Drunk driving charges bring in large amounts of revenue. These are the cases that **WILL** be tried.

Assaults, robberies and homicide committed against the honest, hard working average citizen **WILL NOT** and **ARE NOT** being prosecuted in the county.

You need more ADA's. - if not you make the taxpayers fodder for murderers, rapists & robbers

You need to emphasize safety for all the citizens of Contra Costa County not just the extreme ends of the spectrum. I have heard that the budget for the criminal justice system in Contra Costa County is one of the smallest in the state.

If it's not high profile, if it's not gang related, if it doesn't bring in revenue, it's not being prosecuted in Contra Costa County.

ONLY 20% OF HOMICIDE CASES GO TO TRIAL IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. The other 80% of homicide defendants get out early to ravage the innocent people in Contra Costa County – AGAIN.

Please, STOP ordering custom printed pens for the Superior Court. As a taxpayer, I don't want to pay for them.

Cut the salaries of management! A pay cut for the DA, the Administrator and the BoS is in order. All supervisory positions in the county should take a 5% pay cut.

I know that if you look for the money, if you care about the citizens - you can find a way -

Also - art is essential for society to survive - crime goes down when art thrives
Don't make bad decisions - Make innovative decisions
My appointment w/ Bob Kochly is 3/30 - I invite you to join me

To Board of Supervisors

To [illegible] health [illegible] to undocumented persons, has not served the best interests of [illegible]

(1) These are the most vulnerable members of our community and ethically we should offer care for them. — Therefore I speak on their behalf

(2) the undocumented tend to live in crowded conditions with poor nutrition and are vulnerable to many communicable diseases

(3) without basic care, diseases like TB and others can increase and even break out into the larger community.

Please consider not cutting services to those most vulnerable.

Fr. Jerry Brown
Pastor [illegible]
[illegible]

(4) The shift in funds from health to law enforcement should be reconsidered.

(4) We understand that some funds have been shifted away from health care and we'd like that decision to be reconsidered.

March 16, 2009

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Dear Supervisors,

This statement is respectfully submitted to convey the importance of the Teenage Program's (TAP) presence at RYSE. RYSE is a safe and welcoming center for diverse West Contra Costa youth that builds youth power and leadership towards personal and community health and transformation. Grounded in social justice, RYSE provides comprehensive and holistic programming and promotes multi-racial, cross-cultural relationships.

RYSE opened its doors in October of last year. TAP has been a key partner for RYSE and is a critical resource that offers West County youth relevant and approachable services and programs that meets young people where they are. TAP has served as the critical connection for crisis and near-crisis situations involving a number of RYSE members and their peers.

Since opening last October, RYSE continues to receive an increasing number of referrals from schools and other agencies sending young people to RYSE for TAP services. It is key for us to have an on-site health provider who can support and deliver the spectrum of prevention to treatment services.

As a collaboration of agencies providing services and programs to youth from West Contra Costa County, we appreciate the enormous and difficult undertaking of the Board of Supervisors and CCHS to deliberate and make the best determination of where and how to allocate diminishing public resources. We also know firsthand the immense need and relevancy for a resource such as TAP to support the well-being of the young people we serve. Towards this need, we respectfully ask and strongly encourage the Board to vote to maintain TAP's presence in West County.

Submitted by RYSE and on behalf of the following RYSE partners:

ArtsChange
Community Health for Asian Americans

11780 San Pablo Ave. Ste. D El Cerrito, CA 94530 | 510-374-7900 Fax 510-374-3429 | info@rysecenter.org | www.rysecenter.org

D.R.O.C (High School Leadership Program)

Ma'at Youth Academy
Niroga Institute
ReliaTech
West County Education Fund
Youth Movement Records
Youth Together

For RYSE, Kanwarpal Dhaliwal and Kimberly Aceves, Co-Executive Directors

March 17, 2009

Good morning Madame Chair and Supervisors,

My name is Jose Suarez. I have been a CCISCO leader for several years now and have helped lead much of our work to improve access at all levels. In addition to being a CCISCO leader I am also the coordinator of the young adult youth group at St. Anthony's, many of whom would be loosing their coverage if this proposal is approved.

I myself am also enrolled in Basic Health Care, something I have been very thankful for. Prior to this I had gone all of my life without coverage or any regular care. As someone who works doing yard maintenance I once cut my finger and sought care, stitches at the emergency room. After this event, I continued without coverage, sincerely it was because I didn't know there was anything I was eligible for. A couple winters ago, I became ill again, I had a sort of cold and chest pain for several days. Instead of seeking care I dealt with it as best as I could, because I could not afford another emergency room visit. Then I called the county line after speaking to the county advice nurse she suspected it was pneumonia, during that same call I began the procedure for enrollment into Basic Health Care. When I received the application in the mail I was discouraged and never followed up because they requested documentation that I could not provide. Later that year again, I developed a scary looking rash on my leg. Again for days I avoided care and prayed it would heal on its own. After much support and concern from others, I dropped in at the Pittsburg Health Center and requested to be seen. They turned me away and said I had to call the county line and enroll into a program before I could be seen. The next day I did that, after talking to a financial counselor I again attempted to enroll into Basic Health Care. It took several days before I could be seen, but when I did I was treated with such care and respect, and I felt such relief to know that it was poison ivy rather than something more serious like gangrene or something that could have had irreversible effects to my health.

I understand the current situation and the tough decisions that you must make, but I'd like to insist that we look to other solutions. If denied access, I will be back to seeking care in the emergency room, something I have always tried to avoid and today more than ever can not afford. Upon a visit to a mobile health van that visited St. Anthony's I was also diagnosed with seasonal asthma. My point is the following, disease and illness does not discriminate by race, gender or age. Enrolling into Basic Health Care is difficult enough. If I, being fluent in English, became intimidated and confused by the paperwork and requests, I can only imagine how many monolingual patients must give up. I didn't persevere through the process until I truly feared for my health. Please don't undo the progress we've already made.

Thank you.

Jose Suarez

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Petition to Oppose Budget Cuts to Contra Costa County Health Services in Three Key Areas

We the undersigned patients, resident and staff physicians, nurses and ancillary staff of CCRMC and the CCHS clinics have serious concerns about the harmful impact of proposed budget cuts on patient care and the educational mission of this institution.

We strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate access to primary care for the undocumented residents of our county. This action violates basic principles of equality and justice. In addition, reducing access to preventative care for this vulnerable population will flood our emergency department with large numbers of patients with nowhere else to go, increasing wait times for all county residents. Failing to treat chronic diseases such as diabetes will cost the county more money in the long run. We are also concerned how this mandate will be enforced.

We strongly oppose the proposal to cut one general surgeon position. This will place an unsustainable strain on surgical services in our health system. The impact will be felt in clinic where wait times for visits and elective surgeries will be much longer. Most acutely, emergency surgical care at CCRMC will be totally overwhelmed. Our general surgeons will be forced to take more frequent overnight call and may be unable to sustain working all night every fourth night.

We strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate a neurosurgery position. Dr. Laslo Tamas, M.D. is the only neurosurgeon at CCRMC and our health centers, a key teacher for our residents, and a physician who has dedicated over 20 years to serving the people of this county. Cutting his contract will mean all neurosurgery patients will have to be transferred to care in other facilities, risking serious consequences including permanent disability and death during long transfers.

We understand that these are difficult economic times and that you face no easy choices. However, we urge the board to consider alternatives that preserve and support our commitment to serve all Contra Costa County residents.

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Name	Signature	Position	Contact Info (email/ Phone number)
Kathleen Lynch	Kathleen Lynch	Patient	439-1317
ELIZABETH BARTH	[illegible]	Resident	920.591.8931
Gloria Halliday	[illegible]	Resident	(925) 777-9886
Carol Vasquez	[illegible]	Nurse	(925) 626-7841
Barbara Hayne	Barbara Hayne	Supervisor	(925) 370-5000 4542
D. U. Lopez	[illegible]	Resident	(510) 717-0811
D. B. Guinez	D B Guinez	Patient	(925) 229-4614
MIKE PRAGANSKY	[illegible]	VISITOR	570 787 4929
Christine Lopez	Christine Lopez	Patients Rights	(925) 229-2855
ROSENDO PIENTO		Visitor	(925) 787-2065
ROCCO PACHILLI		Visitor/Patients	(925) 349-5989
Sabrina Paynter	Sabrina Paynter	Visitor	925-330-4733
Flavia Martinez	Flavia Martinez	Paciente	925 671 7738
Leanna Stealman	Leanna Stealman	Patient	925-798-8960
JUAN C. GOMEZ	[illegible]	VISITOR	(925) 550-8414
Jacob Meyer	Jacob Meyer	Resident Physician	(503) 280-3561
Connie Hill	Connie Hill	Patient/Visitor	925 957-6035
HELENA MARTY	[illegible]	Nurse	(925) 427-4265
Jane Yimbo	[illegible]	Nurse	925-922-0804
Eric Comines	[illegible]	MD	(925) 938-4852
JOHN THOMAS	[illegible]	ENV. SVC	———
CAROL LINTON	[illegible]	RN	925-261-1114
SHEILA SCOTT	Sheila Scott	Visitor	925-954-8711
Sim Johnson	Sim Johnson	Visitor	925-954-8711
LARRY TRAIL	Larry Trail	VISITOR	(510) 258-3436

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M. O'Sullivan	[illegible]	Visitor	925 813-9589
Ann Johnson	Ann Johnson	RN	925-676-4330
Jennifer Rorke	[illegible]	Visitor	(925) 685-259[illegible]
Joseph C. Carey	[illegible]	MD	925 270 7107
SANGITA PILLAI	[illegible]	MD	(978) 549 2151
[illegible]	[illegible]	MD	925 520 5369
Catherine J Stevens	Catherine J Stevens	County Resi	925 565-3754

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Patrice Yang-Sharma	[illegible] MD	Medical Staff Resident	(925) 431-2688
Danielle Smith	Danielle Smith	Medical Staff CMA	925-325-1553
John Lipson	[illegible]	MD - Resident	925-431-2760
Pam Foglia	Pam Foglia	Volenteer	925 935-8861
Minnie Sells	[illegible]	R.N	925 370 5630
Josie St John	Josephine St. John	Patient	925 7548182
Jandi Mello	Jandi Mello	Patient	925 335-2310
Liza Butorac	L Butorac	WN	925-305-7229
Aguilar Freddy	Aguilar Freddy	Patient	510-478-8710
J. Maulo Jr	[illegible]	Nol Staff	925-336-4482
Iris Holland	Iris H	clerk	925-586-2839
Viki Nissroghi	[illegible]	patient	925-385-0256
laura Barrios	[illegible]	Visitor	925-212-6597
Noyeli Macias	Noyeli Macias	vistor	925-689-2594
Latajya Bordelon	[illegible]	Patient	925 548-8560
John N. Christofer	[illegible]	Senior Clerk	925 392-8142
Linda McCauly	[illegible]	Lvn 5-CP	925-370-5613
Patricia Iniguez	[illegible]	Patient	~~Tho~~ pattylacuata@hotmail.com
Linda Hunkins	Linda Hunkins	RN	(510) 223-1971
Teresa Sepeda	Teresa [illegible]	Visiting	90 236 9431
Abera McKenzie	Abera McKenzie	Visiting	916-670-4703
Shekina Simmons	Shekina Simmons	Vistor	510-759-1113
[illegible]	[illegible]	RN	370-5774
Nathan Dixon	Nathan Dixon	RN	925-550-8249
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March 12, 2009

Dear Dr. Jeff Smith, Dr. William Walker, and Members of the Board of Supervisors for Contra Costa County:

I write to urge you to reconsider many of the cuts to Contra Costa Health Services, including eliminating the neurosurgery department and cuts to the surgery department. I realize that you are forced by circumstances to make decisions about cutting services. However, I want to offer my unique story and points of view for your consideration in making these difficult decisions.

I am a physician employed by Contra Costa Health Services. I trained at Contra Costa's Family Medicine Residency from 1995 to 1998.

Six months after graduating from the residency program, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Thus, after working as a resident and a doctor at the county, I became a patient. I had emergent neurosurgery, followed by recovery from paralysis and aphasia (or word-finding difficulty). The prognosis from the rehabilitation doctor and neuropsychologist after the surgery included permanent disability. Thankfully, my recovery has far exceeded the rehabilitation doctors' expectations. Today I again work as a physician; I am the clinical lead in the County's wound clinic in Martinez.

Over the past ten years, I experienced Contra Costa Health Services from a unique array of perspectives: as a resident, doctor, patient, ombudsman or patient advocate, and, finally again as a doctor. Currently, the wound clinic shares a suite with Neurosurgery clinic one afternoon a week. Every Thursday afternoon, I observe the excellent medical care, teaching, and, realistically, cost savings provided by Dr. Tamas in Neurosurgery Clinic.

Today, thanks to excellent care, supportive health providers and family, and sheer stubbornness, I live a very full life. I am a doctor, wife, mother (of a son born at CCRMC), as well as a patient at county clinics. I receive ongoing care from Dr. Tamas and the amazing network of physicians employed by the county.

I also care for some of the most disenfranchised residents of Contra Costa County, the patients at the wound clinic. Many of the patients I see have frequent admissions to the surgery service at CCRMC. If not for the excellent care provided by surgical registrars and surgeons, as well as the availability of the wound clinic, these same patients would require longer hospitalizations, with increased costs and disability.

I sincerely hope you reconsider many of the planned cuts to Contra Costa Health Services, especially with regards to cuts in the neurosurgery and the surgery departments. I urge you to do everything in your power to preserve the excellence of care and teaching at Contra Costa Health Services.

Sincerely,

Lara Wright, MD

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We the undersigned patients, resident and staff physicians, nurses and ancillary staff of CCRMC and the CCHS clinics have serious concerns about the harmful impact of proposed budget cuts on patient care and the educational mission of this institution.

We strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate access to primary care for the undocumented residents of our county. This action violates basic principles of equality and justice. In addition, reducing access to preventative care for this vulnerable population will flood our emergency department with large numbers of patients with nowhere else to go, increasing wait times for all county residents. Failing to treat chronic diseases such as diabetes will cost the county more money in the long run. We are also concerned how this mandate will be enforced.

We strongly oppose the proposal to cut one general surgeon position. This will place an unsustainable strain on surgical services in our health system. The impact will be felt in clinic where wait times for visits and elective surgeries will be much longer. Most acutely, emergency surgical care at CCRMC will be totally overwhelmed. Our general surgeons will be forced to take more frequent overnight call and may be unable to sustain working all night every fourth night.

We strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate a neurosurgery position. Dr. Laslo Tamas, M.D. is the only neurosurgeon at CCRMC and our health centers, a key teacher for our residents, and a physician who has dedicated over 20 years to serving the people of this county. Cutting his contract will mean all neurosurgery patients will have to be transferred to care in other facilities, risking serious consequences including permanent disability and death during long transfers.

We understand that these are difficult economic times and that you face no easy choices. However, we urge the board to consider alternatives that preserve and support our commitment to serve all Contra Costa County residents.

March 10, 2009

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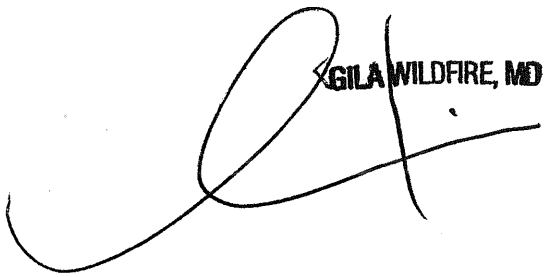

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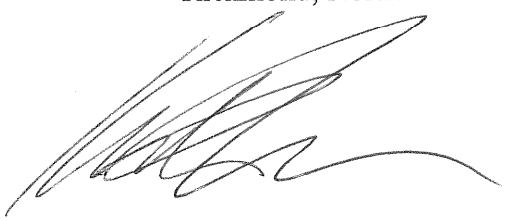

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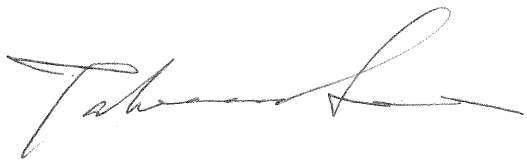

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Good Morning Board of Supervisors,
My name is Sigmund Moskovitz; I have worked for this county, in Mental Health for going on 22 years. A majority of that time I've spent at Martinez Detention Facility, however for the past 5 years I've worked at West County Detention Facility. I moved to the West County facility, about 5 years ago, because the entire female population was moved there to relieve the housing pressures at the Martinez facility. There are approximately 80 women receiving Mental Health services, either in the form of medications and/or therapy/counseling. A major part of our time is spent providing crisis interventions for those acute cases, in particular those individuals who are suicidal.
In total there are approximately 350 to 400 individuals receiving Medical and/or Mental Health services at the West County Jail.
Let me provide you with some conservative figures. Mental Health sees approximately 7 to 10 individuals a day (roughly 1456 individual visits per year). Another 480 to 500 individuals, a year, are seen in a group context, which are receiving stress management skills. I'm fairly certain these skills are being utilized and likely have some positive effects on the reduction of the potential acting out behaviors. Which is a benefit to custody staff, with regards to both their personal safety and management of these individuals.
Also, Mental Health generally assesses 5 to 10 individuals a month that turn out to need a higher level of care than West County can provide. These individuals are usually returned to the Martinez Detention facility for those type of services. Fifty percent (50%) of those individuals returned to Martinez are assessed as being actively suicidal. I would hate to think of the consequences and pressure on custody staff if these services where not available.
Currently the Mental Health staff includes two (2) Mental Health Clinical Specialist that cover the facility for 40 hours a week (the jail operates 168 hours a week). Custody staff has always advocated for increased Mental Health coverage.
There is another reality, these individuals must have assessability to these services. IT'S THE LAW!
I believe our work at the West County facility goes largely unnoticed. Our presence at this facility generally comes into focus when some negative event occurs, for instance when there is an in-custody death due to suicide or other natural causes. (As a side note, the last few successful suicides at the West County facility occurred when Mental

Health coverage was not available). Our services and presence at this facility is invaluable (check with custody staff).
So let me ask you this, without staff on the premises, even as limited as staffing is presently, how would those potentially life-threatening crises, whether medical or psychiatric in natural be deal with? Does custody staff have the desire, expertise or experience to deal with these situations? Would custody transport individuals to the various treatment facilities and then stand by until these cases are medically or psychiatrically cleared? What type of expense and waste of manpower would that be, especially if that occurred 2 or 3 times a day, which it can.
To annihilate and exterminate an entire working staff is akin to driving a vehicle on its rims without a steering wheel.
I know that you are confronted with an enormous financial crisis in this county and you need to make some tough decisions but I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER SOMETHING WHEN CONSIDERING CUTTING ALL OF THE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE WEST COUNTY FACILITY.
SOMETIMES THE REMEDY IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE.

Thank you for your time.

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March 15th, 2009
Attn.: Board of Supervisors
I am an adult Group Leader for several 4-H groups in the Lamorinda 4-H Club and have three kids currently acitvely enrolled. We have been envolved in 4-H since the conception of our Lamorinda Club a few years ago. Since our Club is new, and we are new members to 4-H, we are learning constantly of the benefits and great opportunities offered to our kids. Although my family are new supporters of UC Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, we already believe strongly that the opportunities offered are vital to the healthy development of children in Contra Costa County and to our Community.
My kids and those in my Groups are showing, on an ongoing basis, what they are learning through their 4-H experience. Their self-confidence is growing, their ability to speak in public improving, they can give presentations, judge and be judged by others, they can express themselves and interact socially with other children and adults. All these aspects are values and skills they need as adults and are building the foundation for success. We contribute to our Community Outreach programs every month, which include local Food Banks, Animal Shelters, our overseas Troops, to name just a few. Every month we raise money or donations for these causes, and we have very high participation rates.
There is no possible way of expressing how valuable these life lessons are for our children. We greatly appreciate the education our youth are receiving from the many dedicated adult volunteers who are supported by Cooperative Extension. Please consider our opinions when voting on the issue. Your vote effects many; our children, our community, our volunteers.
As a Contra Costa registered voter(s), you have our strongest support for continuing to fund Cooperative Extension programs in Contra Costa County.
Sincerely,

Alison Bodden
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Subject Board of supervisor letter for tomorrow's meeting

March 16, 2009

Dear Supervisor:

I am a strong/long term supporter of UC Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. The services they provide are essential to the healthy development of children and young adults in Contra Costa County.

I value the education/training our youth received from their dedicated adult volunteers who are supported by Cooperative Extension. My daughter and I have been members of the Tassajara 4-H club for the past four years. In that time she has learned about Rabbits, Goats, and Service Dogs. We have become puppy raisers for Guide Dogs for The Blind through our 4-H Service Dog Project. Had it not been for 4-H we would have never had this fantastic opportunity. My daughter has learned leadership skills by participating as a Junior Leader of her 4-H project, and next year will train to be a camp counselor at the 4-H summer camp. She has enjoyed her summer camp experience every June and always comes home having learned something about herself.

I love the 4-H program because it encourages the students to be leaders, as well as productive members of a larger team. My daughter learned learn about dozens of community service projects, which she can choose to participate in, she learns to be a public speaker by talking about her 4-H projects to local schools and other organizations. She has truly learned to have poise and confidence speaking to a large group.

I think the 4-H program; through the Cooperative extension in Contra Costa County is an invaluable asset to the community.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a voting member of Contra Costa County, I am writing you in support of the Cooperative Extension Office. Their role in assisting our Lamorinda 4H group and all the other groups throughout the county is invaluable.

I was in 4-H for 10 years in Amador County and was thrilled to find 4-H was still very alive in Contra Costa County for my 12 year old daughter, Madison. No other youth organization teaches more valuable skills and values than 4-H. Through 4-H my daughter has been in the Community Pride Group and co-chaired two charity events. She was also the Community Service liaison for our club and came up with various local charities to support each month. Our club has donated items to Books for Barrios, Camp Arroyo, Blue Star Moms, ARF, foster kids, Children's Hospital, the Bay Area Rescue Mission, One Warm Coat, The Bay Area Crisis Nursery and many others. We have collected money for the Contra Costa Food Bank and Heifer International. Next month several of our kids are putting on an Easter Egg Hunt for kids in transitional housing.

I strongly urge you to reinstate funding for the Cooperative Extension Office.

Sincerely,
Donna Meyer & Madison Gibson
655 Stanley Lane
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Job Hunting? Start with the companies that posted job openings this week.

Subject: FW: Don't give up one of the best programs in the county -- Cooperative Extension
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I suspect you were copied on this as well... ...

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Subject: Don't give up one of the best programs in the county -- Cooperative Extension

TO: **Susan A. Bonilla**

Date 03/16/09

Michael Miller
105 McKissick Street
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Dear Supervisor Bonilla,

As a voter in Contra Costa from your district, I am distressed to hear that the current budget does not include funding for the Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office. I am a strong supporter of Cooperative Extension and the wide range of programs and services that they provide. The services the advisor and educators provide are essential to improving the health outcomes for all residents of Contra Costa County, especially those from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Additionally, my children have greatly benefited from their involvement in 4-H, and the Master Gardner program has indirectly enhanced our community and my children's school. While I appreciate that the county is facing very difficult budget restraints, the return to our community from cooperative extension far exceeds the investment by the county. I urge you to protect these vital programs.

You have my strongest support for Cooperative Extension and ask that you vote for continued funding to keep their programs in our county.

Signed,

Michael Miller

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FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3/17 MEETING

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Dear Supervisor Piepho-

It has come to my attention that your recent budget cuts include funding for the UC Cooperative Extension. I would like to urge you to reconsider this recommendation.

I work full-time alongside my parents on our family farm in Brentwood, which was started by my grandfather in 1936. Although farming in East Contra Costa County in 2008 is quite different than it was seventy years ago, it continues to be a challenging enterprise. Indeed, much of the important agricultural infrastructure that once existed in Eastern Contra Costa County simply no longer exists. For example, just last week I drove to Manteca to have parts fabricated for our orchard mower, to French Camp for irrigation parts to our sprinkler system and to Stockton for farming hardware that a basic hardware store in Brentwood will not stock. Luckily, it is the off-season and I can squeeze these trips into my work week.

The point I am trying to make to you is that farming in Contra Costa County grows more and more difficult by the day. Yet at the same time I hear more and more from our local government leaders about how important it is to our County. If the funding for the UC Extension service is cut from the County budget, it sends a powerful message to local farmers and local customers: a) that agriculture is not as important as you say it is, and b) that elected officials tout the benefits of local agriculture when seeking electoral votes,

but turn their backs on the industry when times get tough.

The UC Extension Service and our Farm Advisor, Janet Caprile, are a valuable resource to the farming community in East County. Caprile brings the advanced research of the UC system and applies it straight to the field. She has directly helped our family's farm numerous times. For example, she heads the research for our Cherry Buckskin prevention program—a disease that has destroyed cherry commerce in other districts of CA, which threatens our own area as well. Caprile also regularly sends a newsletter to farmers informing them about the timing of insect flights, so that they can plan for the most efficient and effective spray programs for peaches, plums apricots, and other tree fruit. Caprile has also invested significant time working with me to change some of the oppressive regulations that hinder agricultural growth in the Contra Costa Ag Core.

But Caprile has not only been a help to me. Over the years, I have seen her give equal attention to numerous members of the farming community including those with much smaller farming operations. For example, our neighbors operate a much smaller farm than my family, and are not as fortunate to have had former generations pass down knowledge to them—as my grandfather did with me. Caprile plays a key role when it comes to sharing acquired knowledge with struggling new farmers—and new farmers are what the county needs to keep agriculture alive.

I hope that you will take these concerns into consideration when adjusting your budget and that you keep the UC Extension service in tact. Your vote on this issue an your commitment to local agriculture will certainly be remembered when election season rolls around.

Sincerely,
Cathy Wolfe
Wolfe Ranch, Brentwood, CA

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Board of Supervisors

CONSIDER WITH D.1

Honorable Contra Costa Board of Supervisors:

My husband and I reside in Contra Costa County (El Cerrito) and we are very concerned to hear that you are considering ending funding for the Contra Costa County Cooperative Extension Program. We are strong supporters of the Nutrition Education Program. The services the advisor and educators provide are essential to improving the health outcomes for all residents of Contra Costa County, especially those from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds.
We would like you to reject this solution to local budgetary shortfalls for the following reasons:

As you know, the bulk of chronic diseases in the US, including our county are driven by environmental factors, including lack of access to healthy foods, lack of knowledge on how to eat healthfully and lack of skills needed to select, purchase and prepare healthy foods. Savings from the prevention of these health problems can far outstrip the small investment in keeping the UCCE program in Contra Costa County.

It is truly tragic that in this day and age, when we know that so much of ill health is preventable, we keep having to choose between present day savings and longer term solutions to both our budget crises and to resolving our health and health care problems.

The UCCE Nutrition Education Program addresses the high rates of overweight, obesity and chronic disease in Contra Costa County. Their educators help improve the lives of county residents through skill building education on healthy food and fitness choices, food safety, food preparation, food resource management, and the "farm to fork" food continuum. Some of the Highlights of their nutrition program activities and accomplishments include:

- *Youth Food Stamp Education Program*: During the '06-'07 & '07-'08 school year 105 teachers delivered 4781 hours of nutrition and fitness education to 6454 low-income children and via our Youth Nutrition Education Program.

- *Adult Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program:* During the past two years, 1299 low-income adults participated in their nutrition classes. Of these, 91% improved their nutrition knowledge and 78% planned to adopt healthier eating and fitness habits.

- *Adult Expanded Food and Nutrition Program:* In 2007-2008, 112 low-income adults graduated from their eight week series. Of these, 82% improved at least one nutrition practice.

- *Agriculture and Garden Enhanced Nutrition Education Project:* Between February 2007 and September 2008, 1526 school children

- and their teachers learned about the "farm to fork" food continuum and the importance of local agriculture. Teacher evaluations consistently showed an excellent rating of the field trip experience and many return year after year.

- *4-H Healthy Rewards Project:* They piloted a new healthy living program with 4-H families, including children and adults. Through a journaling activity, participants indicated that the project positively influenced nutrition and physical activity knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

This program is an extremely valuable resource, well utilized by many residents. You have my strongest support for Cooperative Extension and ask that you vote for continued funding to keep their programs in our county. Please let me know if you have any questions on the above.

Sincerely,

Laura Brainin-Rodriguez

County Supervisor Federal D. Glover
651 Pine St
Martinez, CA 94553

March 16, 2009

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rev. Olman Solis; I am the pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Oakley.
Shortly after my arrival to St. Anthony's 3 years ago, I quickly learned that access to health care was a top concern. After conducting over 500 surveys I found that approximately 40% of my congregation lacked health care. Further more, 25% of them suffered from a medical condition for which they where not receiving treatment.

Since then, I and members of my parish through CCISCO have worked arduously to open a satellite clinic in Oakley. A place which people can make their medical home and where they can receive primary care, before it's too late.

In May of 2007 we convened 400 people to discuss health care. On that evening having all levels of our government present, as well as Contra Costa County Director of Public
Health, Dr. William Walker and local private hospitals we secured commitments to do two things: continue to work towards the establishment of a satellite clinic in Oakley and make the Basic Health Care Program more accessible.

The Basic Health Care program provides much needed care to residents who at most make $2,553 a month. These are community members who can not afford to pay private health insurance without sacrificing food on their table and if deprived access to Basic Health Care they would undoubtedly end up in the Regional Medical Center Emergency Room. Through this program residents receive primary care and a medical home, while we save money in the long run and most importantly, we restore in them a sense of dignity that as human beings we all deserve. We have worked hard to increase access to this program and find it very unfortunate that we are considering cuts to it. From my understanding, a year ago over 70% of the individuals enrolled in Basic Health Care are at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. These folks if disenrolled are unlikely to seek care elsewhere, but are likely to end up in our emergency room. Thus we would be providing care at a much higher cost.

Few things are capable of restoring, sustaining, and giving life; health care can do all three, therefore it is essential that those who need it most are not deprived of this gift.

I would like to encourage you to find other solutions that will not further afflict those in most need. As always my community will keep you in our prayers, that God may give you wisdom to make difficult but necessary decision. I'd like to leave you with this quote, from the Gospel of Mathew, "Whatever you did for the least of these, my Brethren, you did for Me."

Sincerely,

Rev. Olman Solis

Board of Supervisors

Blue Star Moms
CA Chapter #26

Blue Star Moms

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

March 16, 2008

Re: Contra Costa 4H Organization

To Whom It May Concern:

The Contra Costa Blue Star Moms is an organization of mothers who have sons or daughters serving in the United States Armed Forces. We are a nonprofit service organization whose mission is to support one another, our children, and all our brave young men and women who are serving our Country.

Our "Heart's" mission is sending care packages to our troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and worldwide. We can only do this through the help and support of our local businesses, local organizations, and members of our communities.

The Contra Costa 4H **Organization** is one of the local organizations who have been instrumental in helping the Blue Star Moms with our mission. The Contra Costa 4H Club members have provided us with cheery cards and letters which we include in all of our care packages. The club members also provided us with goodies to put in our care packages. Our troops just love receiving cards, letters, and goodies from the young people back at home.

Currently, the members of Contra Costa 4H Club are writing letters, cards and collecting goodies for our 4th of July Care Package mailing. Additionally, they are collecting items for our K-9 units serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Our four footed service doges truly appreciate goodies from home too and the support of the Contra Costa 4H Club members. Through the continued support of CC4H, we can continue to send greetings and care packages to our troops who are serving our great country.

We are a Charity Group Organization with a 501(c) 3 tax status and our Tax ID# is 41-2262312.

Sincerely,
Deborah Burrow – USAF Mom
President of Contra Costa Blue Star Moms

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Board of Supervisors

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Dear John, Gayle, Mary, Susan and Federal:

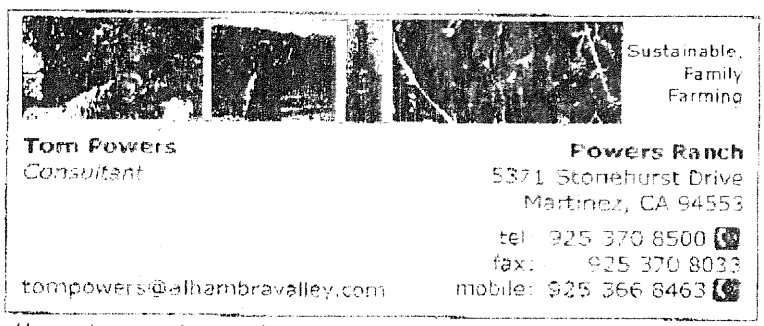
I know you are going to be overwhelmed with requests not to cut this and that from your budget.

I just wanted to put one, the UC Cooperative Extension, in prospective. It is called cooperative as it has funding from the county, state and federal governments as well as volunteers. The attached matrix explains who donates what to the program. The key thing is that by ***eliminating the county general fund contribution of $386,152 (12% of the budget)***, will cause the ***entire program of $3,194,619 to be eliminated***.

The Cooperative Extension provides so much to the agricultural community such as safe pest management, water coservation, pollution reduction and ag-urban interface issues and much much more. The ***elimination of the program will put the Contra Costa Ag community in a competitive disadvantage*** at a time when we are just beginning to have an impact on providing local food to our communities.

I hope you are able to save this program in some significant way.

Tom Powers



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Board of Supervisors

Good morning, Gayle:

I haven't seen you since the Boys and Girls Club Crab Feed but I do remember mentioning to you that night my concern about county budget cuts and how they might effect the Master Gardener Program as well as several other key community programs such as 4-H and the UC Cooperative Extension farm advisors and some very effective nutrition programs.

Thursday afternoon I found out the County Administrator is recommending zeroing out the county contribution to Cooperative Extension programs -- a $385,000 proposed saving that will effectively cost the residents of this county $3.2 million in programs which directly benefit everyone in one way or another in the County. That $385,000 cut isn't even a drop in the county's deficit and making it will have serious unintended state, federal and community program operation consequences that will affect everyone.

I've attached a Cooperative Extension Funding matrix which illustrates an interesting point. The county's allocation of funds represents 12% of $3.2 million in direct community services and outreach by the University of California (agricultural industry support in the remaining agricultural areas of the county, the Master Gardener community volunteer education program and other programs - $1.2 million); the federal government which provides $364,431 in support for nutrition programs that have an impact on preventative health care in the county; plus the respected 4-H youth skill building program which brings in $830,000 in volunteer hours, grants, scholarships and small community grants.

The problem is that the County's contribution, that 12% of the total $3.2 million funding support of all these beneficial services, is the keystone because it includes 3 administrative support staff for Master Gardeners, 4-H and the nutrition programs, a vehicle or two, some travel, telephones and the second floor of the old County Office of Education building. Without that structural support, UCDavis will make some other arrangement for housing the staff for its mandated agricultural extension programs but it will not continue to support the Master Gardener volunteer program in this county because it is not a mandated agricultural extension program for them. Without the County's 12 percent contribution of building and minimal administrative support, 4-H volunteers will not have the structure from which to provide 40 thousand volunteer hours to youth in this county. The same is true for the Nutrition Program supported by $364, 431 in federal funds.

I know the Master Gardeners will be coming in on Tuesday to give you specific information about all we do and what this program is doing right now for example ---to show people how to use water wisely and use drought tolerant

Board of Sup

Dear Supervisor Gioia,

It has only just come to my attention that the County Administrator has zeroed out the County's contribution to the Cooperative Extension in his FY 2009-10 Recommended Budget. I was stunned to learn of this cut, since the loss of these funds will close the Cooperative Extension's Office in Pleasant Hill and rob the County residents of all the many valuable services it provides. Even the County Administrator points out in his Recommended Budget (page 79) that "UC funding, extramural gifts/grants and volunteer hours provide $8 in match for every $1 contributed by Contra Costa County." These days, is there any better return on the county's investment than that? No other unit of County government has been asked to make such a devastating cut. The range of recommended cuts to County departments is 29.2% for Health Services to 0.2% for Veteran's Services. Why has Cooperative Extension been put on the chopping block? There is a serious question of fairness.

I am one of those volunteers who contribute to the $8 in matching funds. Since I retired three years ago, I have been active with the Master Gardener Program and the recipient of an outstanding, diversified training from the Program Coordinator, Bethallyn Black, not just in general gardening, but also in integrated pest management, drought management, innovative water conservation in arid California. I have been very busy giving back this knowledge and expertise to the county's other residents and have volunteered over 240 hours. Hundreds of other county residents also volunteer as Master Gardeners in Contra Costa. But our work would not be possible without the County's Cooperative Extension Office. You may not be aware of all the work we do and I have consequently attached a list of over thirty projects in local schools and parks that Master Gardeners are involved with just in West County. There are similar lists for East and Central Contra Costa County. Does the Board of Supervisors really wish to destroy this service, particularly in these difficult times when water conservation and home gardening are even more important? I urge you to restore these funds at your Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 17th and ask the County Administrator to find this slightly more than 1% in funding cuts elsewhere.

Respectfully,

Liz Rottger
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March 17, 2009

The Honorable Federal. D. Glover

District 5, Contra Costa County Supervisor

Dear Supervisor Glover:

I am a physician at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and work in the Departments of Surgery and Family Medicine. I have been with the county for nearly 20 years.

I am proud to work for an award winning health care system that serves a diverse patient population. I have serious concerns about the proposed cuts, the manner in which they are about to be taken and the consequences of these cuts.

While none would deny the magnitude of the current budget crisis, important financial and humanitarian considerations have been overlooked.

The volume of patients in both the inpatient and outpatient setting at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center has increased in the past year and will continue to increase owing to job losses and the loss of associated health benefits. Cutting critical programs and staff members will drastically compromise the ability of the health care system to meet the challenges of increasing numbers of patients that have the potential to double our census if current trends continue.

The hospital and clinics have the potential to generate revenues. This distinguishes the health care system from other county agencies that by and large do not have the ability to draw on funding from other sources. A keystone of the economic stimulus packet is directed at health care. The president has been clear in his intention to broaden health care benefits. He has already designated funds for preventive health enterprises and electronic medical records.

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center has received awards and national recognition. Ours is the type of primary care based health delivery system that can serve as a model for how to provide economical, quality care that upholds the dignity of patients from all walks of life. We will be well positioned to receive federal funds, *if* the system remains intact.

Much of what is being proposed, mistakes cost-cutting for what is really cost-shifting.

1. Consider the potential cost to the county of a drug resistant tuberculosis outbreak because of failure to investigate possible active cases in a timely fashion.

2. Consider the costs of additional teen pregnancy and drug use because of elimination of school based educational programs and clinical services.

Similar considerations apply to the cancellation of numerous professional service contracts. Most egregious among these is the proposed cancellation of our only neurosurgeon Dr. Laszlo Tamas. Dr. Tamas has been a dedicated physician and public servant for 21 years. For the majority of these 21 years, Dr. Tamas took call nightly nearly 365 days a year. In his career he has prevented hundreds if not thousands of devastating impairments through his timely and skilled neurosurgical interventions. Dr. Tamas is a remarkable clinician, a neurosurgical pioneer, an award winning medical educator and a true humanitarian who turned down the opportunity to head neurosurgery at John Muir Hospital to work in the public sector. He has saved the county millions in expenditures because he only performs surgery when it is necessary for the patient's well-being and not because he is remunerated in a fee-for –service manner. Contracting his services to outside practitioners and institutions will result in untold additional expenses to the county without better outcomes for our patients. Moreover, there is a devastating effect on overall morale and staff confidence when such a distinguished and productive colleague is targeted for elimination. And all this for a proposed "savings" of one-eleventh of one million dollars. This is nonsensical and wrong.

Time does not permit me to elaborate on the loss of other valued colleagues, but suffice it to say that wherever the proposed alternative for a budget cut involves out-sourcing, this will not result in a net savings. In human terms, it means that very vulnerable, ill patients will find themselves often having to take public transportation either to UC San Francisco or UC Davis. Imagine yourselves on a portable oxygen tank because of a lung tumor or unable to walk because of a massive herniated spinal disc. Imagine trying to get from the town of Oakley to Parnassus Avenue in San Francisco on public transportation. Many of our patients do not have the physical stamina or the financial resources to make such a trip. What then?

Another proposed cut that will result in monetary cost-shifting, ultimate increased expenditures and devastating human costs is the elimination of primary care services to undocumented Contra Costa Residents.

For reasons that are beyond the scope of this talk, undocumented immigration at this time is down and is likely to decrease further for the foreseeable future. Undocumented immigrants make a substantial economic contribution to public funds. According to Standard and Poors, undocumented immigrants account for $6 to $7 billion in Social Security contributions each year. These are funds that will never be withdrawn by those who contributed them because of their undocumented status. At the local level, undocumented individuals contribute to general revenues through sales taxes, property taxes and excise taxes.

Without engaging in a debate about whether these financial contributions entitle undocumented residents to any public services, let us consider what makes the most financial sense for the county at a time such as this. Once again, it must be said that primary care is relatively inexpensive, whereas

emergency services are more expensive and inpatient services are extremely costly and come at a point at which illness is fair more acute and protracted.

The true costs of providing primary care to undocumented residents have been vastly overstated. The number of undocumented patients is a miniscule fraction of the total patients seen within the system. At most, they account for perhaps one to two visits per provider per week. The cost of the providers is fixed because we are not paid by the number of patients we see, but rather we are salaried. The true cost of lab tests and ancillary studies is also greatly overstated because it is based on fee-for-service reimbursement rates and not on the true costs of these services in a closed system such as ours in which the hospital owns its own equipment. The costs of medications are also inflated. Walgreen's corporation, to take but one example, is able to make a profit on diabetes and high blood pressure medicines that retail for only forty dollars for an entire year's supply.

Balance these relatively minimal expenses against the exorbitant costs of patients who are hospitalized for a stroke because their high blood pressure went untreated; of diabetics who undergo leg amputations because their blood sugar is uncontrolled, resulting in fulminant infections; of those who suffer heart attacks because they cannot see a doctor in a community clinic to be checked for worsening chest pains.

We see these cases all too often to countenance changes that will result in an even greater number of preventable human tragedies.

Let us not scape-goat vulnerable immigrants in the fatuous belief that this will save money.

I would propose the following concrete interventions to truly save the county money and to generate revenues in the health care sector:

1. Expand primary care services and other clinics that generate revenue.
2. Require all nurse program managers, nurse administrators and nursing supervisors to provide direct patient care for a minimum of two clinics weekly or the inpatient equivalent thereof. This would make existing personnel more productive and expand care to patients
3. DO NOT REDUCE the salaries of lower-wage employees.
4. Do not reduce the salaries of registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and certified nursing assistants. These individuals are at a premium as a labor shortage exists in the nursing sector.
5. Proceed with negotiated reductions in the salaries of all county employees and executive officers whose annual income exceeds $100,000.
6. Adjust the salaries of contract employees that are inordinately in excess of compensation norms.
7. Restructure the contracts of other contracted employees to reduce their hours modestly with proportionate reductions in salaries if their services are somewhat redundant at present.
8. Require contract specialty physicians, for whose services there is pressing need, to increase their availability and to provide more clinical services. Many of the well-remunerated specialists are working in clinics only two days a week, while waiting lists in excess of six to nine months exist for their services. Many of these specialists have previously expressed a willingness to provide

more services without additional payment but were prevented from doing so because clinic space and personnel were not made available to them. Increasing the productivity of specialists already within the system, would generate much needed revenues from clinic visits and would provide patients with medically necessary services.

9. Place an immediate, temporary moratorium on new constructions and improvements of the physical plant. We would prefer to see some old paint on the walls for the time being rather than to deny care.
10. Issue a directive to all department heads to apply for a governmental or private foundation grant in the next three months. Contra Costa Regional Medical Center is affiliated with UC Davis. It is well positioned to partner with both UC Davis and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health for grants that would help with funding and provide care to our patients.

In these difficult times, more not fewer patients will depend upon Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and its affiliated clinics. Please don't destroy a premier health care delivery system. The overriding priority of the Board of Supervisors and all government officials at a time such as this must be to keep people in their jobs, to keep people in their homes, to keep young people in schools, to maintain public safety and to ensure that the most vulnerable are not denied needed medical care. If these considerations remain paramount during the current budget crisis, the Board of Supervisors will have done right by its constituents and we will be able to do right by our patients.

Sincerely,

Eve D. Cominos, M.D. MPH

P.S. Thank you for your public support of the single payer concept. The approach detailed above to addressing the current crisis reflects the same core values.

Pringle Miller MD

Steven Tremain, MD
Jeff Smith, MD
William Walker, MD
CCRMC
March 10, 2009

The qualifications, skills, and experience of a surgeon are important factors to consider when choosing who will perform your procedure. Dr. Miller has these qualifications and brought these dynamics to our CCRMC family as evidenced by the way she advocates on behalf of her surgical patients. She has been an asset to our institution.

Dr Miller joined our institution about two years ago, brought lots of energy and newness to our peri-operative field, not to talk about her teaching ability expertise to the residents. The Administration's streamlining initiative has required painful adjustment, difficult decisions of who must be laid off due to the budget cut. The County is in its challenge moments right now as we all know, and unfortunately this budget cut is affecting one of our strong, patient advocate, board certified female surgeon who has performed hundreds of successful surgeries, and has touched lots of families in our organization.

The intent of this note is to find out if there can be any other resolution in order to reconsider our valuable member of the CCRMC team.

Sincerely,

The Surgery, PACU, and Sterile Processing Department

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3/17/09

Maggie Ewing

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Dear Contra Costa County board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed cuts in health care provided to families in Contra Costa County. As a labor and delivery nurse at CCRMC I have helped care for so many beautiful babies born to immigrant families.

I'm concerned about the future of these children if their parents are not able to receive healthcare. I'm concerned as well about having to bring my own children to an overcrowded ER.

I'm also concerned about the proposed cuts to breastfeeding promotion, postpartum home visits, and the teen parent program. These programs are vital to healthy family life.

Every dollar spent to promote family health delivers an outstanding dividend: the health of the generation to come.

Sincerely,

Maggie Ewing

Maggie Ewing RN

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Subject In support of the 4-H program

March 14, 2009

Dear Supervisor Ulekima:

I am a strong/long term supporter of UC Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. The services they provide are essential to the healthy development of children and young adults in Contra Costa County.

I value the education/training our youth received from their dedicated adult volunteers who are supported by Cooperative Extension.

My daughter, Amanda has not been interested in the sports activities that so many other young people around this area participate in, but she has found a warm and nurturing home in the 4-H program. She has worked on goal setting, public speaking, presenting, fundraising, community events and teaching others.

As a Contra Costa registered voter, you have my strongest support for continuing to fund Cooperative Extension programs in Contra Costa County.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my disappointment and sadness at the news that the 4-H program is being discontinued due to the budget.

Both of my children were active participants for 10 years. The positive experience they received from this program is not replicated in any other program. All members learn responsibility, ethics and a sense of community for community and country. One of the best aspects is that it's the older members that are the mentors for the younger members – The "village" concept is crucial and one of the things that makes the program so successful.

I know we face tough economic conditions now. If there is any way to keep the framework available, I would strongly urge you to do so.

Thank you

Susan Bishop

Board of Supervisors

Federal D. Glover Supervisor
315 E. Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

March 16, 2009

Karen Clark, Principal
Heights Elementary School
163 West Blvd.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Dear Supervisor Glover,

I had the pleasure of working with the Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office. They provided nutrition education to parents at Heights Elementary. The Nutrition Education Program provided a valuable service to parents through their 8- week program. The advisor and educator provided information to parents to improve the health outcomes for our families here at Heights.

This program is an extremely valuable resource, well utilized by many parents at Heights Elementary School. You have my strong support for Cooperative Extension and ask that you vote for continued funding to keep their programs in our county.

Signed,

Karen Clark
Principal
Heights Elementary
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"Michelle Chan"
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Subject Board of Supervisors re:4-H

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Dear Board of Supervisor

I am a strong supporter of UC Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H has been part of my life since I was six years old. I now have 4 children who have all participated in the program. The services provided by 4-H and our volunteers are essential to the healthy development of children and young adults in Contra Costa County. Many of the skills taught in 4-H are skills our youth wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to learn.

Because of the skills I learned in 4-H, I designed a product, got a patent and started a successful business. My four children have all learned life skills: how to do presentations, public speaking, leading and teaching others not to mention the countless hours they have spent giving back to their community though community service projects. In a world that is so very materialistic and media driven 4-H gives the youth in our county solid values and ways of connecting with each other in ways that they normally would not have. Our volunteers have given thousands of hours to make 4-H so successful in Contra Costa County.

As a Contra Costa registered voter, I urge you to continue to fund our 4-H programs in Contra Costa County.

Sincerely,

Michelle Chan
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Carmen Sims
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Board of Supervisors,
I am a resident of Oakley Ca. in Contra Costa County. It has come to my attention that the UC Extension for our area may be discontinued due to funding. Some of the programs that I appreciate most through the extent ion are the 4H and the Master Gardener programs. 4H has been particularly enriching for my two children. Please see to it that funding for the extension is extended. Although I understand that tough cuts must be made, these programs greatly strengthen the community. Other programs such as welfare should be reformed considerably because they support a lifelong and even generational dependence on government. They do not foster community or personal responsibility and therefore do not regenerate the funds invested.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Carmen Sims

steve@saguaroequine .com
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To ksinc@cob.cccounty.us
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Subject Fw: UC Extension Services

----- Message from steve@saguaroequine.com on Mon, 16 Mar 2009 23:19:00 -0700 -----

To: gayle@bos.cccounty.us

Subject: UC Extension Services

Dear Ms. Ulekima,

I am a registered voter, business owner, father and 4H leader in Martinez. I was dismayed to hear that the Board of Supervisors is considering discontinuing Cooperative Extension Services in Contra Costa County. The Extension Service provides support for many activities in the county, not the least of which is the 4H Youth Development Program. I have seen the growth and progress my daughter has made in the three years she has been in 4H, as well as many other youth, and believe that it is a vital program which deserves our continued support.

Thank you for helping keep the Extension Service funded.

Sincerely,
Steve Spragens

Rancho Saguaro
Horse training, lessons, layups and rehabilitation in a family-friendly atmosphere.

March 18, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Attn: Kathy Sinclair
Contra Costa County
651 Pine St., 11th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Kathy:

REF: **University of California Cooperative Extension and 4-H.**

I understand that Contra Costa County is considering elimination of our 4-H program. This is hard for me to believe when 4-H is funded 88% by donations. Only 12% of the 4-H program is funded by the State and the kids get so much education from it. With all of the school activities that are being cut now, we have very little that the kids can do after school. The UC Cooperative Extension is the public service arm of UC. Our county-based service is a residents' direct connection to UC knowledge and expertise. Our UC Advisors, all with Master degrees or Ph.D.s, work and live in this community, enhancing the quality of life for people here in many ways – from providing science-based solutions that sustain local farms and nurseries; to delivering educational programs on nutrition, eco-friendly pest management, and gardening; to fostering skills young people need including leadership, citizenship and life skills.

We actively collaborate with many different groups: county departments, farmers, professional educators and service providers, community leaders, and staff of non-profit organizations.

In this time of high unemployment and cuts of the school sports and other after school activities, we need 4-H more than ever. The 4-H community provides many educational activities and life skills for the kids as well as providing food for the Contra Costa Food Bank, foster care for the A.R.F. and SPCA animals, Books for the Richmond School District. 4-H has been around for over 100 years. Please do not cancel this community organization.

Sincerely,

Norma Schiller
Tassajara 4-H Adult Volunteer Science Project Leader

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LETTER TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR
MARCH 17, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

Dear Board Members:

Who is advocating for the citizens and lawful residents of your County when expenditures of $6 Million a year is being spent for health care on undocumented aliens?

With the current economic downturn, it is even more evident that your citizens and lawful immigrants will be turning to your County health programs to access services they have never required in the past.

One must wonder just how many individuals who want or need those services are being displaced by undocumented users of your services. Over time, if your $6 Million estimate of expenditures on this population is correct....likely low.....over a decade results in $60 Million. Would your health care services be in jeopardy today for your citizens and lawful residents had those expenditures been avoided ?

As the result of legislation in 2006, your Board has the "option" or "discretion" to use your resources to provide health benefits to this population. Prior to that, it was illegal.

Your vote to provide health care services to the undocumented opens a legal door that can be accessed by over 4 million undocumented aliens within this State.

Surely, wisdom must overcome political correctness when you are putting your legal residents at risk not only of an unwanted tax burden, but the displacement of those you are elected to protect. Public health for communicable disease is all that your Board should allow for the undocumented as to do so would protect those you need to protect from those bringing diseases into their midst. Emergency care is paid by the State, so, it is not of your County's economic concern.

The compassionate physicians and health care workers who oppose your Board in cutting health services can demonstrate their compassion by volunteering their services outside their employ at County and by giving financial backing to foundations in the provision of services for this population. Employers who are using this population as part of their workforce should be paying to get prevention services for infectious disease or communicable disease care. Taxpayers should not be burdened with these expenditures unless they are given the option to do so by the vote. The political will of the people.....in secret, to avoid being ridiculed as lacking compassion, or being racist, or being a bigot.....would alert you to what you should be doing for those you are elected to serve. Many are too busy working to pay the tax burden for decisions they have little control over. Many, now, are losing those jobs.....and in need of help from tax resources they have contributed to over the years. Don't displace them to serve those who have made the choice to be in your County illegally.

Someone has to advocate for your citizen population....and those who have been screened for infectious diseases and followed the rules in gaining legal resident status. To do otherwise accepts placing them at risk and opens your County to an influx of even more unscreened and illegal inhabitants to further expose each of you to potential public health risks.

It will not be popular to do what you must do. The "right thing to do" these days rarely is.

I will keep each of you in my prayers, and thanks for giving consideration to my thoughts.

Gene Rogers, M.D.

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Date: 3-14-09

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Contra Costa 4H

Dear Supervisor:

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I value the education/training our youth received from their dedicated adult volunteers who are supported by Cooperative Extension.

I have been connected with 4H since I was a child in the 50's. I had my son join when he was in the 5th grade. Then I returned to 4H as an adult Project Leader. I am now in my 16th year. I was in 4H for 7 years without children of my own. That is how much I believe in this organization.

This organization is second to none. These kids who age out at 18 have gained life skills that will get them far. The older kids teach the younger kids, they learn who to take care of not only their own animals, but to help others take care of theirs. Their goals are only to better theirselves, not to beat the other kids. They learn to support the other kids even in the same show ring and never to belittle them. They learn to help and support every kid whether that kid is in the same class or not. I bet you cannot find many organizations that allow the "kids" to run the meetings and put on events with little doings by the adults. These kids learn by doing and gaining knowledge by accomplishing their goals on their own. These kids also keep records of events, costs to their projects and attendance to events throughout their year in 4H. This is shown in their Record Books that are a great reflection of their years in this awsome organizations. These kids also learn to work hard and put together fundraisers for items that are needed to keep their club or project running smoothly.

I cannot believe that such a wholesome, well respected organization, that is totally here for the youth could even been thought of as a past organization. I think 4H is in it's 105th or 6th year and has proven the need to stay with us forever. This club has had it's past with teaching about livestock and crops, and thankgoodness for that, but now as time has moved on, it is now, in this area, alot more about technologly and outdoor living and such. But, 4H has made the move and the kids still find a place in it and love it. I have now started my grandkids in it and they look forward to their meetings, fundraisers, community services and events to better themselves.

Please, for goodness sake, think twice about this program ending and who you will be hurting. 4H has also kept a lot of kids busy and out of trouble. That is the most important thing to be able to accomplish, keeping kids out of trouble and 4H has the ticket. (*Briefly* add how you and your family are positively affected by the 4-H Youth Development Program. *See attached listing of proven 4-H program benefits for ideas.*)

As a Contra Costa registered voter(s), you have my/our strongest support for continuing to fund Cooperative Extension programs in Contra Costa County.

Sincerely,
Karen Luckhurst
Briones 4H Club in Martinez
Contra Costa County

ROBERT & JEANNE LEWIS
159 SANDRINGHAM SOUTH
MORAGA CA, 94556

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March 16, 2009

Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors

Via Fax 925-335-~~7913~~ 1913

Dear Board of Supervisors:

We are shocked and chagrinned at the Board's proposed 38% personnel cut back in the County's District Attorneys Office. In an already understaffed office, we feel extremely threatened that your responsibility of maintaining our security is being disregarded and ignored by eliminating the very jobs that enforce crime prevention. There certainly are other areas in the County's budget that can be cut back or eliminated without jeopardizing our security.

We look forward to change is this proposed reduction.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Lewis

Jeanne M. Lewis

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1573 Webb Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94595
March 14, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street, 1st Floor, Room 106
Martinez, CA 94553

By FAX: (925) 335-1913
Pages: This one only

Dear Supervisors:

I support funding for the University of California Cooperative Extension Program. As a Contra Costa County voter I believe the dollar savings to the county from unpaid projects such as edible school gardens, edible neighborhood gardens, growing drought tolerant plants and Integrated Pest Management save the county far more than the cost of the programs. Such projects add greatly to the quality of life in our county.

Sincerely,

Alice E. Schofield

Alice E. Schofield
Master Gardener

County Board of Supervisors

My 4-H Story 2007-2008

Hello, my name is Marion Smith. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Liberty High School. I joined 4-H five years ago when I was in the 6th grade. I joined 4-H because I heard of the wonderful experience a past member and leader described. I also heard it was a great way to learn more about animals, serve my community, and also to have fun. My reply was "Wow 4-H does that?" I have many hobbies and interests; such as that I ride horses and work out at my ranch with other horses. I also swim year round on a USA Swim team, I am in Girl Scouts and swim for my high school. My future plans are to attend UC Davis and become a Veterinarian. I would like to study either Animal Science or Biology. It is great that I'm in 4-H because it's getting me ready and giving me experiences in the field of the veterinary science. I attended Vet Camp at State Fair to start off my 2007-2008 4-H year.

Vet Camp was a great experience. We went through different stations that taught us about Veterinary Science. There was a cardio area, an x-ray/radiology section, and other fun stations. We took the heart rate of a baby calf and milked a cow. I met other 4-H members from all over California. We ended our time with a campfire and s'mores.

I have been in Dutch Oven, Horse, Communications, and Camp Leadership projects this year. It was a busy year for me with four projects and numerous outside commitments. I set the goal to grow in the area of leadership. When my record book was returned from the state competition the judges thought I should take more advantage of the leadership opportunities 4-H has to offer, like State Leadership Conference, which I did attend this year. They

suggested I work on coordinating events and you'll be able to read more later on about my event chairmanship. I set a goal to work towards my Gold Star Rank, focus on my leadership skills, and qualify for Sectional/State level competitions, all of which I achieved.

I was the Teen Leader for the Dutch Oven Cooking project and helped the kids in the project get more involved. I set up dates for a Dutch Oven cook off. All the project members were divided into teams. Each team made either a main meal or a dessert. During this time also I set up a judging contest for the kids to taste test each food, critique it, and vote for their favorite. At the cook-off I showed them how to set up a table setting for Food Fiesta. I wanted to encourage them to enter and promote county events. I also helped members bake a cobbler for the local fire department. As a Teen Leader I wanted to get members involved in their community and to show that 4-H is active. This year for County Presentation Day I did my presentation on Dutch Oven Basics and Bubbly Peach Cobbler, and qualified for Sectionals. Unfortunately, I couldn't go because I went on a school trip to England and France. I felt this project was better this year than last year. It is only the second year of the project and next year should be even better. We are planning more cook-offs, citizenship, and community service activities.

In the Horse Project I helped out our younger members and new ones by getting them involved and providing learning experiences for them. I helped them learn about clipping, banding, and show preparation, along with every day safety at the barn. I qualified to go to state but my horse was sick so I couldn't attend the event. I wished all my friends that were able to go on to State "good luck." In

the Horse Project we learned how to care for and show horses in showmanship, halter and performances classes. I was County High Point in my division. Taking care of a horse and preparing them to show is a very involved process. It takes months of consistent practice to prepare and hours of preparation before each competition. I felt our project did well and continues to grow. We have discussed having a Horse Knowledge Bowl/Field Day. There maybe an opportunity for us to be more involved in Horse Judging Contests at the state level too. Our project continues to be involved in our community through our Memorial Day flag placing, Draft Horse Caroling Canned Food Drive and other activities.

In Communications we learned how to present ourselves and make a good first impression. This will help us during job interviews or applying for scholarships. I applied for a 4-H scholarship and felt that my Communication project helped me prepare for it. We also set up our ideas for County Presentation Day and practiced our presentations. Some of us attended County Leadership Retreat and learned about impromptu speeches. We were given a topic to speak on and had to speak on it right then. I felt this project helped me grow in my communication skills. I made flyers for events, and wrote articles, qualified for Sectional Presentation Day and received a Gold Award at the County Presentation Day.

In the Camp Leadership Project we learned how to help young campers in need, and just planned what we were going to do at camp. During the meetings we played a lot of games to get people used to each other and to become friends. I enjoyed this project but wasn't chosen as a counselor. Well, maybe next year. It was fun and I am glad I did it.

For the most part I reached my goals. I was able to go onto the next level in everything I did, which made me happy. If I were able to go back I would have gone on to the State or Sectional levels despite all the problems that came up along the way. Along the way I have learned many skills such as public speaking, learning more about my horses, leadership, and how to become a better cook. I actively was involved in organizing events: Dutch-Oven Cook-off, Pizza Night, and Marsh Creek Clean-up among them.

There are so many great leaders in our club. All the parents were greatly involved. They help all members like me, with anything we needed. They were a big help for me when I was planning the cook off for our club and delivering the food to the fire station. Also I thank them for just driving us to all the events that we needed to go and just dealing with us. If it weren't for them we wouldn't have the same club. I especially should thank Jan Brown who was the first person who got me involved in 4-H. She was a long time 4-H leader and really is a mentor to me. Our Horse & Dutch Oven leader Lauralye Caspit is always there to help us too. Our Community Leaders are great too. I feel they have helped my leadership skills grow outside of 4-H as well. I am more confident in organizing events with my Girl Scout troop and my public speaking has improved. On my trip to Europe the leaders complimented me on my leadership and problem solving skills.

I know that all these activities are expensive so I help out with extra chores at home. I work at the ranch were my horses are helping people with their horses too. My parents don't want me to work too much yet because of my busy schedule and making sure I have time to study. Knowing

I am actively involved in my community and school are priorities for them too.

Leadership to me means getting involved and showing others your people skills. Citizenship means to me that you care for your country and that you're patriotic, that you model doing the right things and lead by example. I have been involved in many leadership projects such as being a Teen Leader for Dutch Oven and Communication Projects. I have attended CLR, Cal Conference, and State Leadership Conference (SLC). These conferences are so expensive our club has a recycling project that helps with conference scholarships. I actively help recycle ink cartridges from home and the school my Mom works at.

As a 4-H member I have served on many community projects such as getting people ready for next year's Marsh Creek Clean Up. I am working on organizing the clubs in east Contra Costa County to participate. This event focuses on community service, citizenship, and science & technology. It has been challenging to communicate with a variety of groups involved, the city of Brentwood, the Marsh Creek Environmental Group through the water district and 4-H. I look forward to many members participating. There is the possibility that we may actual adopt a section of the creek for a more consistent clean-up effort throughout the year.

This year I have donated money or items to Blue Star Moms, San Diego Fire Fund, and Bags of Food, Adopt a Family San Diego Fire. I have also help with and organized the Community Canned Food Drive, Memorial Day Flag Placing, and the Fire Station Visit with a peach cobbler. I have attended the County Fair Board meeting and given a talk about 4H.

The most important officer position I have is Historian. I am working on getting our club book together. I like taking photographs and attend most events, so it is fun. The positions of Teen Leaders are also important to support our Project Leaders. The most important committee so far besides the Marsh Creek Clean-up would have to be the The Memorial Day Flag Placing. I had to make sure I had flyers to pass out with directions and time with the date. I needed to make sure people knew what they had to do and didn't joke around out there. Most people came and were helpful. Afterwards we all went back to our Horse Project Leader's house and had hot dogs and ice cream. I have learned a great deal working along side of parents and members in our club and our county. You have to be professional, know how to have a fun a time and respect everyone around you.

My school and career path hasn't really change that much. I still want to go into Veterinary Medicine and my grades are still doing well. Being a 4-H member has meant so much to me. I have made many great friends and it has helped me learn so much. I have learned about setting and reaching goals. I want to become a Vet even more. I can't wait for the years to come and maybe trying to be a County All Star, or even a California 4-H State Ambassador. I look forward to a future with 4-H in college and the years beyond. 4-H has given a great deal to me and I want to give back to others because of 4-H. 4-H does that!

Board of Supervisors

From: Barbara Abbott [mailto:thegrans@pacbell.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:30 PM
To: 'Dist4@bos.cccounty.us'
Subject: Contra Costa County Cooperative Extension Funding

District IV Supervisor Susan A. Bonilla
2151 Salvio Street, Suite r
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Supervisor Bonilla,

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Sincerely,

Barbara Abbott
5700 Verna Way
Clayton, CA 94517-1137

Board of Supervisors

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Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:01 AM
To: 'Carol Pranka'; Laing.George
Subject: FW: CRISIS ALERT: Cooperative Extension losing funding

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Concord, CA 94521

Dear Supervisor Bonilla:

As concerned voters and 45-year residents of Concord, we am distressed to hear that the current budget presented to the Board of Superviwsors has eliminated funding for the Cooperative Extension Office located in Pleasant Hill. If the County fails to continue funding for the Cooperative Extension program, Contra Costa County will lose State funding for UCCE ending the Urban Horticulture Program, including the Master Gardeners program that provides many hours of ongoing volunteer services by over 130 certified Master Gardeners. Deleting County funding will also mean the loss of farm, nutrition, sea grant and youth advisors for our County.

Though we understand the critical situation the County faces, these valuable resources for county residents would be very difficult to restore once the County's financial situation improves. The County only provides 12% of the funding for the UCCE program, making it a very cost-effective expenditure. The Cooperative Extension program saves money for County programs, businesses and agencies by giving them accurate, researched information enabling them to make good choices.

Staff and volunteers provide thousands of hours of service to county residents regarding:

1. Home, community and school gardens;
2. Identification of pests and plant diseases and recommendations for less toxic control methods;
3. Identification of invasive plants and alternative recommendations;
4. Intergrated Pest Management (IPM) education to reduce pesticide use, improve water quality, and lessen exposure to toxins, in cooperation with Contra Costa Central Sanitary District;
5. Education on composting and mulching to reduce green waste and save money and pollution from chemical fetilizers;
6. Resources for fire-wise landscaping to reduce the risk to homes and human life; and
7. Water-wise gardening/landscaping recommendations to reduce water use in cooperation with CCWD.

We know the Board of Supervisors is facing very difficult decisions during this financial crisis, but we ask that you consider the value of the State funding for UCCE and the many hours of volunteer services that will be provided to Contra Costa County residents if the program continues to be funded.

Thank you for considering our opinion regarding this Board Agenda item.

John and Darlyn Gerber

Board of Supervisors

plants, ----to, in conjunction with the county fire districts, provide information and resources on firescaping to reduce the threat in this County of the devastating fires that have taken such a toll elsewhere in the state; ---to spread the well-researched word with free information, classes and publicity on the ways to reduce pesticide use, thus improving water quality, protecting crucial beneficial insects such as bees, and reducing human exposure to toxins; ---to give instruction and information on the benefits of compositng, mulching and reducing the amount of greenwaste in landfills. ---to staff a 5 day a week volunteer Hotline to answer specific questions from county residents on a variety of garden and environmental issues plus many other volunteer educational activities of benefit to schools and community.

The thing is, Gayle, all that Master Gardener delivered information dovetails right into current concerns about the financial, social and economic impacts of the drought, pollution, fire, the environment and health in this County. And we're the volunteer army that is at work educating the county population on these issues for a county budget outlay of less than $400,000 annually which is a pretty small amount that reaps 8 times more funding support for a variety of beneficial, I would even say crucial, programs. And we're ready to do more!

I wish I could be there Tuesday to speak to you and your colleagues but as I may have mentioned in January I am back at work at the Public Utilities Commission with a heavy schedule for three more weeks.

But others from all the programs that will disappear because of a very small cut will be there to speak on these issues. I know you will listen attentively and think carefully about your decision and thank you for that.

Harriett

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From: deborah kemp <deborahkemp@mac.com>
Date: March 13, 2009 5:37:53 PM PDT
To: dist1@bos.co.contra-costa.ca.us
Subject: UCCE

Dear Sir:

As a voter in Contra Costa from your district, I am very upset to learn that the current budget does not include funding for the Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office. I am a highly trained Master Gardener volunteer who contributes my time and energy for the people of Contra Costa through the Master Gardener program managed by UCCE staff. This program is a valuable resource for the people in this county, particularly in light of the current economic situation. We provide researched information to the public on ways to save money with

- efficient watering systems and drought tolerant plants;
- planting regionally appropriate shade trees;
- planting and maintaining edible gardens that also improve local food security
- reduce pesticide use, improving water quality and reducing human exposure to toxins
- information and resources on firescaping to reduce the spread of fire and minimize the loss human life;
- plans and instruction on composting and mulching, reducing greenwaste materials and utilizing local resources
- advice for county residents on a hot-line staffed by volunteers 5 days a week.

This program is a very valuable resource well utilized by members of this community. I am asking that you reconsider the value of the UCCE program to my community, and continue program funding

Signed,

Deborah Kemp

Board of Supervisors

Federal D. Glover, Supervisor
315 E. Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

March 16, 2009

Karen Clark, Principal
Heights Elementary School
163 West Blvd.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Dear Supervisor Glover,

I had the pleasure of working with the Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office. They provided nutrition education to parents at Heights Elementary. The Nutrition Education Program provided a valuable service to parents through their 8 week program. The advisor and educator provided information to parents to improve the health outcomes for our families here at Heights.

This program is an extremely valuable resource, well utilized by many parents at Heights Elementary School. You have my strong support for Cooperative Extension and ask that you vote for continued funding to keep their programs in our county.

Signed,

Karen Clark
Principal
Heights Elementary
kclark@pittsburg.k12.ca.us

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Dear Mr. Glover --

It has come to my attention the budget that has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by CEO David Twa has zeroed out funding for our Cooperative Extension office. If county funding is removed as recommended this will close the Cooperative Extension office and end the Master Gardener Program in Contra Costa. This means the loss of farm, nutrition, sea grant and the youth advisors which are important programs that serve families and children. This program is vitally important to our community as the UCCE program saves money for county residents and agencies by giving them information that:

- ✓ reduces water use
- ✓ reduces energy use by strategic planting
- ✓ reduces food costs through home gardens, increasing local food security
- ✓ reduces pesticide use, improving water quality and lessening exposure to toxins
- ✓ provides resources on fire wise landscaping, reducing the risk of home and human loss
- ✓ identifies pests and diseases with cost effective control methods
- ✓ provide alternatives to invasive plants which cost the county money to remove
- ✓ tells homeowners how to compost and mulch; reducing green waste and saving money on fertilizers that can pollute

In this time of economic stress, more household that we have seen in decades will be looking to start their own food supply by gardening, where will they get their information if they cannot turn to a local resource such as the Cooperative Extension?

I am a consistently voting resident of Antioch and an active Master Gardener working to educate families and children through growing their own food and I implore you to keep this valuable resource, our UC Cooperative Extension funded.

Thank you for your time. J

Lisa Bramblet -- Master Gardener -- Antioch, CA
"As for me and my household
we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15

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Subject letter in support of 4H

CONSIDER WITH D1

To The Board of Supervisors,

It was recently brought to my attention that the 4-H program in Contra Costa County is in danger of being shut down. I was greatly shocked by this news, having been an active member if this 4-H program until two years ago. The 4-H program in Contra Costa County has been in existence for generations as an institution to build leadership skills and connections of friendship in the youth of the county; it has greatly succeeded at this goal over the years. The thought of the county loosing this valuable asset is something that I could barely bring myself to believe. The loss of the 4-H program would be a devastating loss to the county and the youth that would be missing out on all of its wonderful programs.

My family has firsthand experience at how the 4-H program can be an asset to the development of the youth of the county. Both my mother and my older brother were members of local clubs in the Contra Costa County 4-H program. John, my older brother, spent many of his later years as a Junior/Teen leader in the projects of his local 4-H club and also was a Junior Fair Director for many years at the county fair. All of these leadership experiences helped him to gain the confidence in both himself and his abilities that he needed to graduate from UOP with a B.A. in International Studies; he is now a teacher at Freedom High School in Oakley, California. He has become a successful member of the Contra Costa County community thanks to many of the skills me obtained through years of involvement in the CCC 4-H program.

Personally, I spent nine year as a member of the Brentwood 4-H club in the Contra Costa County 4-H program. During those nine years I help multiple leadership positions within my club ranging from Club Treasurer to Junior/Teen leader of the Poultry group. These positions allowed me to learn from the other members of the club as well as giving other club members access to the extensive knowledge I had accumulated over my years in 4-H. Another program in the CCC 4-H that allowed me to discover my leadership potential was the 4-H camp leadership program, which I participated in for 4 years. When I started in that program, I was extremely shy and only had enough confidence to lead a small group of about 15 campers during the week of camp. By the end of my four years I was leading the entire camp of over 100 campers and chaperones in the evening "Campfire" activities. Another skill that the 4-H program allowed me to develop was the ability to work hard and be dedicated. I developed this skill through working hard, by both practice and a large amount of studying, to become the 1st place Poultry showman two years in a row and later becoming the Small Animal Master Showman for Contra Costa County; winning this award meant that I was able to effectively show and demonstrate a sufficient knowledge not only of Poultry but also of pigeons, dogs, pigmy goats, guinea pigs, and rabbits while competing against the best showmen in each of those categories. This award took eight years of hard work and studying in order for me to finally win it. I was extremely proud when I finally attained my goal of winning this award. Another perk of being in the 4-H program is the lasting friendships. My three best friends in the world, who have helps me through every

imaginable trouble in my life for the last seven years (including my parent's divorce), were also 4-H members; the 4-H program is actually how we met. Without 4-H I would never have met some of the greatest people that I know. I have fallen out of contact with many of the people I went to high school with, but the friends I made through 4-H have remained an active part of my life. 4-H builds strong, lasting friendships.

All of the skills that I learned and used during my nine years in the CCC 4-H program have been of great use to me in my years since leaving the program. With these skills I was able to apply and be accepted into my top choice college, UC San Diego, where I am currently majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In fact, one of the essays I wrote for my UC application was about my leadership building experiences through the 4-H program, specifically 4-H camp leadership. Since attending UCSD, I have become a member of the J.V. Dancesport (Latin ballroom formation)team and am also a member of the UCSD Pepband in which I play the drum-set at college sporting events; I also plan to participate in the election process to become an officer in the Pepband for next year. The social skills I built allowed me to develop a large friend-base amongst the students at UCSD. This group of friends has allowed me to flourish and aided me in participating in the college experience, both academically and extra-curricular, to my fullest potential.

Without the leadership and social skills I gained through the 4-H program I would not have had the confidence to do any of these things. The 4-H program has been an invaluable aspect of my life and is an irreplaceable asset to the youth Contra Costa County. It would be a grievous mistake to shut down this program in Contra Costa County.

Sincerely,
Andrea Cullison

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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We urge you not to do away with 4-H as the community will greatly suffer. The members of Contra Costa County do so much in the way of volunteerism, that we fear that the effects will be felt countywide. At a time that our country is in financial woes, the little share of money that the UC Extension/4-H receives, is money well spent to offer such an impact on our community. With all the other programs that are offered Agriculture, Master Gardener, Nutrition, Urban Horticulture, Wood Durability, and Youth Development will also disappear. Why is this the only program that will be 100% cut? This is not fair.

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Sincerely,
Laura Delfino
Barry Delfino
3012 Lester Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Feeling the pinch at the grocery store? Make dinner for $10 or less.

Speaker Mary Rocha

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5	[illegible]	674 Alforte Seignu	Martinez
6	Kathy Ferro	Contra Costa	Antioch
7	Carita [illegible]	Contra Costa	Pleasant Hill
8	Lara Wright	Alameda	Berkeley
9	K Moeller	Alameda Co.	Alameda
10	Paul Kwok	MTZ Contra Costa	MTZ, CA
11	Rev Pat King	2222 Pacheco St 713 Concord, Calif	Concord, CA
12	Rebecca Kestner	14th Frank St Martinez, CA	→
13	Blair Thedinger	Martinez CA	→
14	Maya Shaw	8321 Terrace Dr El Cerrito CA 94530	El Cerrito
15	Courtney Beacen	Richmond Ave	Richmond
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18	Eric Comicos	49 Loma Vista	Walnut Creek, CA
19	Elaine Sewell	1025 Arlington Way Mtz	

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6	Erica Henken MD	2500 Alhambra Ave	" "
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11	Blanca Moretto	351 CARONI ST	We
12	Robert Arenen	351 Caroni St	We
13	Gina Perez Barron MD	922 Ferry St	MTZ
14	Natasha Pinto	2500 Alhambra Ave	MTZ
15	Michele Montandon MD	2500 Alhambra Ave	MTZ
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3	Miguel Angel Salgado	38a Anchor Dr.	Bay point.
4	Antonio Gutierrez	80 Lorraine st	Pittsburg. 94565
5	Maricela Cruz	252 E trident DR	Pittsburg 94565
6	Lorena Magaña	2034 weldon LN.	Bay Point
7	Leticia Villarreal	34 Inlet Dr. Bay Point	Bay Point
8	Alejandrina Munda	40 Solano CT	Bay Point
9	Teresa cruz	3251 Saguan DR	Pitts CA 94565
10	Rosalba Garcia	39 N. Broadway apt 15	Pitts CA 94565
11	Leticia Losoya	426 W 10th st A	pittsburg ca 94565
12	DALIA MENDOZA	102 WUES BLVL APT-J	PITTSBURG CA 94565
13	ana Hernández	33 orinda cir	pittsburg CA 94565
14	Natali Castaneda	207 Chabot CE	Pittsburg CAL. 94565
15	Nordno Rosa	347 Schore RD	Bay Point CA 94565.
16	María Hernández	1110 E. Leland Rd	pittsburg CA
17	Hilda Montejo	75 N Broadway Bay point	
18	maria T Rodvalta	368 mildred pittsburg	
19	Cristina vargas	1418 Sycamore DR APT	Antioch CA 94509

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21	Milton Perez	224 E. 10th, PITTSBURG	PITTSBURG, CA 94565
22	Lizette Rodriguez	#56 William Way	Pittsburg CA 94565
23	Liliana Ramos	1054 Delta	Bay Point
24	Susana Mesia	64 Seaview Dr	Bay Point Ca. 94565
25	Sonia Martinez	521 Texas ST	Antioch
26	Liliana Gonzalez	5062 Teixera way	Oakley CA 94561
27	Adela Mariscal	162 Panoramic Ave	Pittsburg Ca 94565
28	Lissette Morales	547 MARINA RD	BAY POINT 94565
29	Sandra A. Velazquez	3915 Delta Fair Blvd C49	Antioch CA 94509
30	Jorge L. Castaneda	3915 Delta Fair Blvd C49	Antioch CA 94509
31	Martha Aguayo	56 Sandview Dr	Pittsburg CA 94565
32	Hortencia Delgado	1907 Acacia Ave ~~Antioch Ca~~	Antioch. 94509
33	Tencen Ibarra	4 Spinnaker ct.	Pittsburg CA 94565
34	Esbeydi Ramos	229 warren way	Pittsburg CA 94565
35	MARIA HERNANDEZ	180 sealane ct	Pittsburg CA 94565
36	Emilio Rodriguez	#756 William Way	pittsburg CA 94565
37	Virginia Mayoral	#56 william way	Pittsburg CA 94565
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42	Antonia Garcia	1115 San Jose Dr	Antioch CA 94509
43	Maria Vazquez	216 Davi Ave.	Pittsburg CA. 94565.
44	Flor Godinez	2017 Oakridge Ln	Pittsburg CA. 94565
45	Lilia Torres	3915 Delta Fair BLVD #C54	Antioch, CA, 94509
46	Ernestina Fernandez	3220 Dimaye WA	antioch CA 94509
47	Sara Bretado	19 Nautilus PL P.	Pittsburg CA. 94565
48	Jesenia Solis	1133 Klengel st	Antioch CA 94509
49	Brenda Medina	53 Carol Ln. #139	Oakley, CA, 94561
50	Yolanda Castilla.	2101 Greenwood pl -	Pittsburg Ca.
51	María Ortiz	3164 Hemlock st	Antioch CA. 94509
52	Ana Rivas	126 Marin Ave	Bay Point CA 94565

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4	Cinergie James	1680 Harmony St.	Brentwood
5	Dawna Vann	5478 Tandem Ln	El Sobrante
6	Elysa Wadley	1680 Harmony St	Brentwood
7	Lauren Stoddard	700 Burwood Way	Antioch
8	Joe Stoddard	700 Burwood Way	Antioch
9	Denise Stoddard	700 Burwood Way	Antioch
10	Scott Logeliger	2106 Valente Circle	Martinez
11	Stephen Weiss	5374 Stonehurst Dr	Martinez
12	[illegible]	248 Calle La Mesa, Moraga	Moraga
13	Blanca Crovetto-Avangena	351 Caroni St Unit 94597	Walnut Creek
14	Francisco Pardo	1655 Galindo St #125 Concord	Concord
15	Mika Godzich	212 Arreba St, Martinez CA	Martinez
16	Mike Martinez	2040 Boynton Ave	Martinez
17	Daniel Lee	1015 Elm Ct.	El Cerrito
18	Ken Saffie	2542 Hook Ct.	El Sobrante
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3	Carmen Zavala	2140 Abbott	Pittsburg CA
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5	Maria G Alvarez	2108 March Av	Pittsburg CA 94565
6	Gloria Galaz	434 Atherton Ave.	Pittsburg. Ca 94565
7	Guadalupe Huitron	50 Huntington cir	Pittsburg CA 94565
8	Mara c Arias	2176 Rancho way	Pittsburg ca 94565
9	Dora Barrera	2399 dover Way	Pittsburg Ca 94565
10	MARIA Garcia	2121 Burton ave.	Pittsburg- 94565
11	Beronica Murillo	35 chelsea Way	Pittsburg CA 94565
12	Maria Vasquez	2131 Sugartree PR	Pittsburg ca. 94565
13	Wendy Santos	4609 Arabian Way	Antioch, CA, 94531
14	Efren Arce	1541 Rosewood CT	Antioch CA 94531
15	Erica Arce	1541 Rosewood CT	Oakley ca 94561
16	Santiago Reyes	1631 E Cypress Rd	Oakley ca 94561
17	Alicia Torres	1631 E cypress R	Oakley ca 9561
18	SANTIAGO REZA	2930 Roosevelt	Antioch ca. 94509
19	Raquel Padilla	2930 Roosevelt Ln	Antioch CA 94509

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4	Defina Martinez	2995 Maryann Ln	Bay Point Cal
5	Rachelle Mendoza	117 El Capitan Ln	Antioch, Ca.
6	Mali Tenau	117 El Capitan Ln	Antioch, Ca.
7	Ms Pepper	10 Bore St.	Pitts, Ca.
8	Johnnie Flentroy	2068 Weldon	Bay Point Ca 94565
9	Dawna Jones	3252 Teakwood	Oakley Ca 94561
10	Anayely Ruiz	64 Loftus Rd #Bay Point	Bay Point CA
11	Nancy Turner	3828 Hummingbird Dr	Antioch CA
12	Virjinia Reyes	59 Blaine Ct Bay Point	Bay Point CA
13	MARVIN L. PREE	1032-WELDON LN.	Bay Point 94565
14	Ethel Powell	2958 Clearland Cir	Bay Point 94565
15	LaAndra Turner	900 West 4th Street	Antioch 94509
16	Michelle Cruz	348 Fall Ct.	Oakley CA 94561
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1	Pola cinco	16 island view Dr.	Bay Point ca.
2	Guadalupe L.	93 Canal Dr.	Bay point CA.
3	Rocio Ramos	48 Beach Dr	Bay point CA
4	Maricela Zaragoza	61 Bay Dr	Bay Point CA
5	Juana Ramos	61 Bay Dr	Bay Point CA
6	Carmen Osornio	99 Inlet Dr	Bay Point Ca.
7	Karina Patino	60 pacifica Ave Apt E	Bay Point CA-
8	Rosa Udave	64 Beach DR	Bay Point ca 94565
9	Margarita Garfies	99 inlet Dr	Bay Point ca.
10	MARIA OROZCO	33 SURF VIEW Dr.	Bay Point ca
11	Milagro Ramos	107 MARY'S av.	Bay Point. ca
12	Maria Yanez	839 Pirate Ln	Bay Point ca
13	Maria G Lopez	282 Shore Rd	Bay Point ca 94565
14	MARIA E. RIVERA	5715 Alpine Rd San Pablo CA	
15	Jaime Cader	420 Ridgewood Ct. Antioch	CA 94509
16	Rick Alcaraz	5460 Dam Rd Elsobrante	CA 94803
17	Andres Soto	2420 Lowell Av Richm	94804

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	Name/Nombre	Address/Domicilio	City/Ciudad
1	Jean Racy	1161 Summer Way Pittsburg	Pittsburg
2	Bobbie Hicks	3023 Beverly Dr.	Bay Point
3	Dee Estrada	2970 Mesa Verde	Bay point
4	Dorothy Hornbeak	45 Madison ave	Bay Point
5	Evelyn Warren	42 Mildred Ave.	Pitts. CA.
6	Suzanne A Kelly	355 Roseann Ave	Pitts. CA
7	Alice Miller	55 Pacifica Ave	Bay Point
8	Shelia Malaco	2316 Spanos St #2	Antioch
9	Tiombe Mashama	2912 ~~2393~~ Clearland Cir.	Bay Point
10	Drew Ellia White	2942 Maryann	Bay Point
11	Evelyn Parker	115 Clearland Dr.	Bay Point
12	Louise Oakley	367 Schooner Way	Pitts
13	Sindria Hamp	96 Tu Alatra	Pitts Ca
14	Vincent Manuel	4721 Matterhorn Ct Antioch, CA 94531	Antioch, CA
15	Angelica Matamoros	2125 Citrus Ct Pitts	Pittsburg, CA

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1	Robin Moore	295 Pleasant View Dr	Pleasant Hill
2	[illegible]	524 Ranchos View Dr	Lafayette
3	[illegible]	325 JACARANDA DR DANVILLE 94506	DANVILLE
4	Peter Manuel	2031 First Ave.	Walnut Creek 94597
5	Theodora K. Ettinger	3258 Withers Ave	Lafayette
6	[illegible]	1713 S. 5th St.	Concord
7	Duane Carroll	1632 Lancaster Rd	Walnut Creek
8	Miriam Medina	2165 Crestview Dr P221	Pittsburg
9	Estela Cerda	2311 Loveridge Rd.	Pittsburg
10	Bradley A. Kreles	295 Pleasant View Dr.	Pleasant Hill
11	Mary Roche	3022 Philbrun Dr	Antioch
12	Martha Fuentes	4916 Belle Dr Antioch	Antioch
13	Maria Reyes	335 E. Leland Rd	Pittsburg CA

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1	DLUF KARR	132 Ambrose Ave	Pittsburg
2	Dr. Greta Perez	600 Ryan Drive Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill
3	Patty Valdezano	—	Antioch
4	Vanessa Ponce	123 Sesame St.	Oakley
5	Michelle Vargas	6 Island View Dr.	BAY POINT
6	Eugenio Lopez		Brentwood
7	Jose Jesus Gaitan	65 del Ta	
8	Eloiso moreno	65 del Ta	
9	Ana Hernandez	528 Texas St.	Antioch.
10	Lorena Olanis	1402 B st.	Antioch
11	Jose Sanchez	4601 Deerfield Dr. Antioch	Antioch
12	Malaika Sow	5217 Boise St	Berkeley
13	[illegible]	3397 Orchard Valley	Lafayette
14	Clyde Trombettas	296 Crestview Ave.	Martinez
15	Mariana Moore	1155-C Arnold Dr. Martinez	Martinez
16	John Bateson	2824 Rheem, Moraga	Moraga