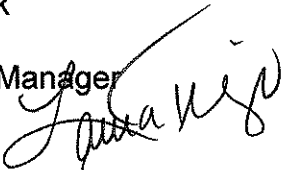


**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: April 23, 2012

To: Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee

Attention: Erika Pulst, Legislative Assistant I  
Office of the City Clerk

From: Laura Trejo, General Manager  
Department of Aging 

Subject: **DEPARTMENT OF AGING RESPONSE TO PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR  
2012-2013 BUDGET**

The Los Angeles Department of Aging (LADOA) understands the serious challenge that the City faces in balancing its FY2012-13 Budget and supports the ongoing investment initiated in the FY11-12 adopted budget for implementation of evidence based model senior services. The Mayor's budget continues with this commitment of the adopted plan that has resulted in higher service levels. The proposed FY2012-13 budget will enable LADOA to serve seniors and family caregivers by adding flexibility in meeting service demands while preserving its most valuable resource, its experienced staff.

Service levels impacts

As planned in the FY2011-12 adopted City Budget, the LADOA's General City Purpose (GCP) funding allocation for its Wellness Center is being reduced by \$238,123 from 476,246 to \$238,123 in the proposed FY2012-13 budget. The planned reduction is part of the phase out of GCP support for the implementation of Wellness Centers offering evidenced based model programs located Citywide. The goal is to create new programs that are self sufficient and provide more services. In the first year of implementation, service levels have increased with over 1,000 seniors being served. Furthermore, the network of Wellness Centers have established cost sharing partnerships with California State University Los Angeles and the College of the Canyons for in-kind support, and secured matching grants of \$1.7M for program costs not covered by City funds. LADOA anticipates the number of seniors served to increase in FY12-13 as Wellness Centers begin offering more classes.

The LADOA's budget authorities will be reduced by three vacant positions (2 regular and 1 resolution). These positions are grant funded, but not full cost recovery for some of their related costs. LADOA will reallocate the grant funds for as-needed temporary staff to provide greater flexibility in supporting projects as the Department continues to reassess and adjust to service demands and its long term strategic goals.

Services preserved

The proposed GCP allocations maintain funding levels for additional congregate meals and home delivered meals. LADOA's senior nutrition programs receives \$5,198,807 of Older Americans Act grant funds annually for congregate meals and \$3,028,058 of OAA grant funds for home delivered meals. The \$106,000 will provide 21,328 additional meals to the Central and Harbor Aging Service Areas to meet service level demands. The \$1,798,845 will provide 310,600 additional meals Citywide to keep seniors from being placed on a waiting list.

In conclusion, LADOA appreciates the support of both the Mayor and City Council in its mission to serve seniors and family caregivers with the latest scientifically validated programs that improve their health and wellness and continuation of its safety net to prevent homebound seniors from being placed on a waiting list for meals.