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Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition

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Assembly Member Philip Ting, Chair
Budget Conference Committee
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Mark Leno, Vice-Chair
Budget Conference Committee
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Adult Protective Services Training - ADOPT ASSEMBLY VERSION
Senior Nutrition Program - ADOPT ASSEMBLY VERSION**

Dear Assembly Member Ting and Senator Leno:

As the Budget Conference Committee meets to determine funding levels for the FY 16-17 State Budget, St. Barnabas Senior Services respectfully requests your support of \$5 million for statewide training of social work staff in the Adult Protective Services (APS) program and \$5.4 million in additional funding for the Senior Nutrition Program.

These two budget requests are critical to the provision of services to older and dependent adults in Los Angeles County. As the older adult population rises and the APS caseload continues to grow, a well-trained social work staff is critical to continued efforts to investigate and respond to allegations of elder and dependent adult abuse.

The Senior Nutrition Program provides a hot, nutritiously balanced meal to older adults through the state at congregate meal sites or through home-delivery of meals. For some program participants, this may be the only meal of the day. Positive outcomes of this program include: assisting older adults remain independent in their communities, enhancing the health status of older adults and mitigating social isolation.

We support the request of \$5 million for APS training and \$5.4 million in additional funding for the Senior Nutrition Program. These programs are vital to the health and safety of the growing older adult population throughout the State of California.

Sincerely,



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CC: Budget Conferees
Speaker Anthony Rendon
President Pro Tem Kevin de León