



Good afternoon Supervisors,

My name is Joy and I'm a Housing Caseworker at Bayanihan Equity Center. I assist older adults and adults with disabilities with affordable housing, including: counseling, education, application assistance, translation, reasonable accommodations, eviction prevention, and other tools to help navigate affordable housing in San Francisco.

I would like to use my time to share a story about a housing win through community-based services and case management, for a household of 2 seniors, who will remain unnamed.

This senior household, who only receive SSI, and do not speak English, first came to BEC for food assistance. Through an assessment of needs, we soon figured out that the household needed food assistance because they were paying over half their SSI income to rent, accumulating back rent as well.

Throughout the last 6 years of working closely with this immigrant senior family, understanding their fears, needs, and goals, we helped them through navigating resources for rental subsidies, back-rent relief, maintaining a good relationship with their landlord, upkeep with senior housing waitlists, and accompanying them to housing interviews (essentially preventing homelessness)... This family was finally permanently housed in brand new low income senior housing this January 2026.

In the months leading up to this housing opportunity, their total monthly income of \$1500 was eaten up by a monthly rent of \$1000, not including utilities, while still waitlisted for rental assistance. While this family finally got through the lottery system, there are so many more households in similar circumstances.

I share their story to emphasize these points:

- The obstacles in navigating dwindling resources for basic needs are now ever-evolving with great severity, but it is through the support of community-based services and case management, that small wins like this are possible.
- Secondly, these crucial and essential services to fill the gaps on language access, food insecurity, and housing, ensure STABILITY for our elder and disabled households.
- And thirdly, not only do our elder & disabled community rely on service providers; us service providers rely on each other as an established, specialized network, with a wealth of knowledge, to meet our communities' needs.

We implore you, don't take away these essential and core services from our seniors. Don't take away resources from us service providers. Our senior and disabled communities need these services, and we need each other.

Protect our elderly and disabled San Franciscans, and protect the Dignity Fund.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy Ng". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joy Ng

From: [Irene S Liu](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Appropriations Committee - 260228 - [Hearing - Impact of Proposed Budget on Older Adult Programs]
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Hi Brent,

My name is Irene Liu, and I am a resident of Inner Sunset and a member of Senior and Disability Action. I am writing to you in response to recent proposed city budget cuts.

The City has options. Community needs should come first. San Francisco still has significant resources. Budget decisions are about what the City chooses to prioritize. A just budget puts people first, especially those most impacted, especially older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income residents who make up over 27% of the city's population.

Instead of cutting essential services, San Francisco can:

- Use available reserves strategically
- Identify new revenue options
- Reprioritize spending toward community needs.

Cutting preventative infrastructure will only escalate existing problems, leading to more people at risk of homelessness, increased healthcare utilization, and higher long term costs.

Programs funded through the Dignity Fund and community-based organizations are essential to keeping people stay housed, healthy, employed, and connected, as a cost-effective and proven model for service delivery and culturally responsive care.

Older adults and people with disabilities who want or need to work are also being excluded from the City's workforce strategy, requiring targeted programs to provide essential income. A just budget includes workforce opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Best,
Irene

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From: [Kaleda Walling](#)
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Cc: [Budget, MYR \(MYR\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SauterStaff](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Nick Lederer](#)
Subject: Position Statement on Proposed FY 2026 Funding Cuts to Golden Gate Village
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[Protecting Access to Aging in Community - Opposition to Proposed FY.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Lurie and Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

Please find attached Golden Gate Senior Services' position statement regarding the proposed FY 2026 funding cuts to Golden Gate Village. We appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the impact of these reductions on seniors in our community.

Sincerely,

Kaleda

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April 14, 2026

Golden Gate Senior Services – Golden Gate Village

Position Statement: Proposed FY 2026 Cuts to Golden Gate Village
Submitted to Mayor Daniel Lurie and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Budget Committee

Dear Mayor Lurie and Members of the Budget Committee:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Gate Senior Services respectfully urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed 47% funding reduction to Golden Gate Village. This cut would eliminate services for at least 130 older adults and potentially more—many of whom are low-income, limited-English-speaking, and not connected to other City-funded systems. Golden Gate Village is a community-based, relationship-driven model that supports aging in community, reduces isolation, and engages seniors before crisis occurs. A reduction of this magnitude would dismantle trusted relationships that cannot be replaced by centralized or short-term interventions. Preserving Golden Gate Village funding is essential to maintaining equitable access to connection, dignity, and aging well in San Francisco.

GOLDEN GATE VILLAGE: A COMMUNITY-BASED LIFELINE FOR AGING IN COMMUNITY

The proposed cuts to Golden Gate Village funding would require our Village to eliminate services for at least 130 older adults and potentially more —**not because need has declined, but because capacity would be nearly cut in half.** For a small, neighborhood-based organization, **such a reduction would dismantle trusted relationships, sever community connections, and disproportionately impact seniors who are otherwise not connected to City-funded systems.**

WHY GOLDEN GATE SENIOR SERVICES AND GOLDEN GATE VILLAGE MATTER

Community-based organizations are the City's frontline infrastructure for supporting older adults and adults with disabilities. **Embedded in neighborhoods and communities, these organizations build trust over time and offer culturally responsive support that large, centralized systems cannot replicate.**

Golden Gate Senior Services is one such organization. Our effectiveness depends on long-standing relationships built through consistency, language access, and deep community knowledge. These connections allow us to support older adults not only during moments of crisis, but throughout the aging process.

Through Golden Gate Village, we serve older adults who want to remain engaged, connected, and supported in their homes and communities as they age. **For many members, Golden Gate Village is their primary—and sometimes only—ongoing point of connection.**

A VILLAGE THAT SUPPORTS ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION, AND AGING WELL

Golden Gate Village is intentionally designed to support aging in community, not only aging in crisis. The program creates opportunities for seniors to build relationships, participate in activities, and maintain social connections that often diminish over time—particularly for those living alone.

While some members are homebound or socially isolated, many live independently but face increasing barriers to connection, including mobility limitations, language barriers, and shrinking social networks. **Golden Gate Village provides flexible, relationship-based engagement that meets seniors where they are.**

Importantly, approximately 70% of Golden Gate Village members are not otherwise connected to our Senior Center. Without this program, these older adults would have little or no ongoing relationship with Golden Gate Senior Services or access to community-based support.

ACCESS WITHOUT FINANCIAL OR LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Golden Gate Village primarily serves low- and fixed-income seniors and does not charge a membership fee, ensuring that access to connection and support is not determined by income.

The program provides communication and engagement in Cantonese, Mandarin, and English, making participation possible for limited- and non-English-speaking seniors who are often excluded from traditional service models.

A COMMUNITY BUILT ON RELATIONSHIPS AND MUTUAL SUPPORT

Golden Gate Village is grounded in reciprocity and trust. Relationships are built before vulnerability escalates, enabling early engagement and sustained support. **Trust is fostered through ongoing outreach, culturally responsive communication, home-based connection when needed, and consistent presence over time.**

Because of this trust, members answer our calls, participate actively, and rely on Golden Gate Senior Services during periods of uncertainty or disruption.

IMPACT OF A 47% CUT TO GOLDEN GATE VILLAGE

Golden Gate Senior Services does not have unrestricted reserves to absorb a funding reduction of this magnitude. **Cutting Golden Gate Village almost in half would force our organization to choose which 130 older adults lose services and community connection.**

Those impacted would include seniors who rely on Golden Gate Village as their primary source of engagement, older adults not connected to the Senior Center, and limited-English-speaking seniors who depend on trusted, language-accessible support.

These cuts do not reduce need; they reduce access. **They dismantle a proven, cost-effective model that prevents isolation and supports aging in community.**

A MODEL WORTH PROTECTING

Golden Gate Village demonstrates what is possible when aging is supported through connection rather than crisis response: no membership fees, no language barriers, and no assumption that aging equates to isolation.

Instead, Golden Gate Village offers continuity, engagement, friendship, and dignity—allowing older adults to remain connected to the communities they know and trust. Sustaining this program is not about preserving a single service; it is about protecting equitable access to community for seniors who would otherwise be left out.

We respectfully urge the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to preserve funding for Golden Gate Village and protect this proven, community-based model of aging support.

Sincerely,



Kaleda Walling
Executive Director
Golden Gate Senior Services

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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Danny Sauter](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File number260228: Budget and Finance Committee hearing on cuts older adult programs
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Dear Members of the Finance and Budget Committee of the SF Board of Supervisors:

I oppose the cuts in the mayor's budget for programs for older adults. Federal cuts in these programs have already impacted our seniors during the Trump administration. The city needs to step up to ensure the programs we have serving low income adults continue.

In particular, the Mayor proposes to cut the home care advocacy program grant of \$140,000 allocate to Senior and Disability Action. This important program is a vital service. Older adults, persons with disabilities and low income residents are already bearing the brunt of rising costs with limited resources.

We should not be balancing the budget at the expense of those who can less afford it and who will suffer the largest impact.

This program I mention as an example is essential to helping people stay housed, healthy, employed and connected to services. These services are what keep people stable.

Budgets represent choices. Is San Francisco going to protect its most vulnerable residents. It should.

Sincerely,

Regina Sneed

Sent from my iPad

From: [Andrew Ignacio](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Appropriations Committee Public Comment for April 15th, 2026 (4/15/26)
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 9:02:37 AM

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Hello,

I am Andrew Ignacio, a Community Service Worker at Bayanihan Equity Center. For the past two years, my colleagues and I have been assisting an elderly Filipino couple, the Ramos', find affordable housing in the city. The Ramos' lost their previous housing of seven years, after their landlord passed away and their family members decided to sell. Since then, they have been living with family members and friends, sometimes sleeping in their car if there was no room for them. A few months after being displaced, Mr. Ramos suffered from a stroke - causing him to exhaust all of his vacation and PTO from his full time job at a hotel.

We were concerned because we hadn't heard from them for a while after coming to BEC, desperate to find housing in the city. The loss of their home, the stroke, and being unable to go to work for a while, made it seem that life had nothing good to offer them.

I was given the privilege to give them the news that they were next up on a waitlist for senior housing in the city. My colleague and I made sure they had everything they needed for their housing interview, which was no small feat. Accessing the documents needed and navigating the systems to retrieve them is not a simple task, especially for seniors. But we made it happen, alongside the kind building managers, and were able to figure out a way to make it work for them. They now live in senior housing, and can focus on recovery and retirement for Mr. Ramos.

I only recently joined BEC, and I am so inspired to work with this team, a team dedicated to working diligently for our kababayan. Our parents and grandparents raised us to honor our elders. BEC is doing that, and we will continue to do it with your support. Thank you.

Peace and Kapwa,

Andrew

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Andrew Ignacio | Community Service Worker

Pronouns: He, Him, His ([What's this?](#))

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April 15, 2026

Budget and Appropriations Committee
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RE: Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee Hearing on Senior and Disability Cuts FY 2026-2027

Dear Budget and Appropriations Committee Members,

The Bayanihan Equity Center is a non-profit which has provided services for seniors and adults with disabilities in San Francisco since 1999. On behalf of senior services programming, I urge you to protect and champion for the basic needs of our San Francisco seniors.

Through programs and non-profits like Bayanihan Equity Center, seniors and adults with disabilities are able to access food and receive support to meet their basic needs amidst a nationwide rising cost of living. By providing and upholding such necessary services for the San Francisco community, clients are also able to gain social supports through community gatherings and socialize with their peers to lessen the impact of social isolation, loneliness, and other difficulties impacting their quality of life.

The current proposed budget cuts would significantly reduce the ability for programs to function, and I am writing to urge you to protect and fund the basic needs of the community. The rising cost of living has affected all of us, but it is up to our elected officials to protect the wellbeing of our beloved low-income seniors.

Thank you for your resilience and dedication to improving the wellbeing of our vulnerable San Francisco residents!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AMacalisang".

Angelica Macalisang
Community Service Worker