KINGS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING COUNCIL

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City of Lemoore
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Dear Council Members:

As the Executive Director of the Commission on Aging, I realize each community in Kings County is going through major financial concerns for the upcoming fiscal year, but we ask not be eliminated from your allocations.

Our funding source is from federal Older American Acts funds. We also need local support. The County of Kings, the Cities of Hanford, Lemoore, Avenal and Kings United Way as well as fund raising from the Commission have provided additional monies. The amount we are requesting for **F/Y 2012-13** from the **City of Lemoore for $2,500 will be utilized as leverage/match for existing funding for the Home Delivered Meals Program.**

We have helped elderly county residents in resolving senior related problems for over 30 years. Our services help senior citizens find answers to their concerns and assist them in maintaining a more independent way of living in their homes. We advocate on the individual's behalf as well as for the overall senior population.

We also provide Long Term Care Ombudsman Services for the frail elderly in skilled nursing facilities and residential care homes. We coordinate a variety of senior services through our "one-stop" shopping. The Generations Lemoore Adult Day Services in Lemoore provides respite for families taking care of frail elderly loved ones and those with Alzheimer's disease, 5 days a week, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Recreation, meals and snacks, as well as social activities to keep the mind and body strong are provided for a very reasonable fee. A free newsletter is published, which provides information to our older residents about the services available to them. KCCOA partners with Kings IHSS Public Authority to provide a wonderful informational web site. www.kings.networkofcare.org.

In 2009 KCCOA began management of the Congregate & Home delivered meals program. **Home delivered meals are provided to Lemoore's most vulnerable home bound seniors.** The KCCOA also provides mental health services for seniors who are depressed or who need appropriate mental health diagnosis. A lawyer is available twice a month for those who may have legal concerns.

Our agency strengthens the tie between senior citizens and their community. There is no other service to seniors such as KCCOA. We feel it is important seniors know there is a place where help is available. In turn, the community can feel secure in knowing they are meeting the needs of its' oldest citizens. **Please do not eliminate us from your funding.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon L.T. DeMasters

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Executive Director of Services