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Budget & Finance and
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Aging Task Force Report

SUMMARY

The attached report, prepared by the Sacramento Senior Services Comprehensive Planning Task Force, details an action plan that will provide coordinated client-centered services for Sacramento area seniors.

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento Senior Services Comprehensive Planning Task Force consists of representatives from government, community based organizations, private agencies, and senior citizen advocates. The Task Force was created in response to concerns identified in 1983 by the Sacramento County Senior Coalition relative to fragmented senior services. The attached report, Sacramento's Aging Boom, examines the subsystems, identifies the essential characteristics of a comprehensive system, and recommends strategies for action.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for Committee information only.

Respectfully submitted,

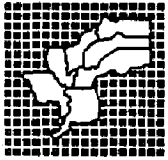
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For Agenda of September 18, 1990

TO: Budget & Finance/Transportation and Community Development Committees

FROM: Bobbie Roswurm/Frank Buck, Co-Chairs
Sacramento Senior Services Comprehensive Planning Task Force

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF TASK FORCE REPORT: SACRAMENTO'S AGING BOOM

PURPOSE:

- To inform the Joint Committee of results of Task Force efforts to examine the senior service system;
- To propose strategies for developing a comprehensive service system for seniors of the City and County of Sacramento;
- To seek Joint Committee review and referral to the City Council for action.

BACKGROUND:

SACRAMENTO'S AGING BOOM, which was transmitted to the City Council with an August 14th memorandum, is a plan for action with specific recommendations and implementation strategies for achieving a client-centered system of services for seniors in Sacramento City and County.

The urgency for action is indicated by the following statistics:

- persons over age 60 are the fastest growing segment of the population;
- the highest percent of increase is in those over age 85;
- the ethnic composition is changing;
- the proportion of minorities is increasing;

- funding and service development are not keeping pace with these changes.

Task Force objectives for system development include: promoting client access; maximizing independence and dignity for older persons; improving agency communication, coordination and planning; promoting and improving services to the homebound, at-risk senior.

Major themes addressed by the Report are: client access; prevention; protection for the most vulnerable; special community issues; and planning and coordination.

The Task Force is requesting that the Joint Committees review this report and refer it to the City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, endorse/support the recommendations of the report pertaining to the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution approving the attached recommendations of the Task Force Report which pertain to the City.

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Attachment

REQUEST FOR ACTION BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL:

ENDORSE THE STRATEGIES PROPOSED FOR DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED SENIOR SERVICE SYSTEM FOR SACRAMENTO SENIORS, AND SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH FOLLOW:

- o **ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A FOCAL POINT SERVICE AREA, USING THE CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE TASK FORCE, FOR THE COORDINATION AND DELIVERY OF SENIOR SERVICES IN EACH OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AREAS DEFINED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.**
- o **ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF DESIGNATING A SINGLE AGENCY WITHIN EACH FOCAL POINT SERVICE AREA TO SERVE AS THE CENTRAL FOCAL POINT FACILITY AND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING SERVICE DELIVERY WITHIN THE AREA.**
- o **ENDORSE THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRAL DATA BASE, ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES AT COMMUNITY LOCATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASED BILINGUAL CAPACITY AND MULTI-ETHNIC MATERIALS.**
- o **ENDORSE THE CONCEPT THAT NUTRITION SERVICES INCLUDING CONGREGATE MEALS, HOME DELIVERED MEALS, AND OUTREACH SERVICES BE AVAILABLE WITHIN ALL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREAS.**
- o **ENDORSE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGENCIES' EFFORTS TO OPTIMIZE TRANSIT SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ZONES TO REDUCE TRAVEL DISTANCES AND COORDINATING TRANSIT RESOURCES THROUGH FOCAL POINT LEAD AGENCIES.**
- o **ENDORSE THE PREMISE THAT PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES MUST BE EMPHASIZED AND DEVELOPED FOR ALL HUMAN SERVICES.**
- o **RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE INCREASING RESOURCES, MORE EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED SERVICE DELIVERY, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POLICIES.**
- o **RECOGNIZE THAT COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTION IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET THE GROWING CRISIS IN HOUSING AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATING A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE.**
- o **RECOGNIZE THAT COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTION IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET THE GROWING CRISIS IN HEALTH CARE AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATING A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE.**
- o **ESTABLISH AS PUBLIC POLICY THE REQUIREMENT THAT PLANNING TO MEET THE HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND RELATED FUNDING ISSUES BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE FORMAL PLANNING PROCESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**
- o **SUPPORT THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED PLANNING RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF SENIORS TO ASSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE SYSTEM AND CONTINUED ADVOCACY EFFORTS.**