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To: City Council

Subject: Please read this letter before tonight"s meeting re funding Shoreline Center Center

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Hi everyone – please see the attached letter

November 23, 2015

Shoreline City Council,

As you decide upon the 2016 Budget tonight, I would like you to consider ONE special group of citizens in Shoreline – the Seniors. This group is growing in number every year and in most cases their incomes are not growing.

The reason I want you to think about this group is because since I've been working at the front desk at the Shoreline Senior Center for the past 4 months, I've met many of the seniors who come in regularly. In many cases, this is their home away from home – the center of their social activities. Some seniors can't even afford the \$3 we charge for lunch. We serve them anyway. (By the way, our chef served 95 Thanksgiving lunches today – everyone was so excited.)

For this next year, the Shoreline Senior Center will be losing \$48,000 (\$16,000 grant; \$20,000 from United Way and \$12,000 from loss of catering revenue due to the health of our chef, Janice.) This is why the Shoreline Senior Center has reached out to the city for help. The \$20,000 they asked for will go a long ways toward keeping the scheduled hours and activities at the senior center for 2016.

Thank you for reading this letter.

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