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I encourage Alameda County Board of Supervisors to step to the plate and do the right thing. It's imperative to save money that goes to unneeded emergency room visits and costly acute care of our county's older adults.

Community-based services are a necessary part of the equation in helping older adults meet the challenges of aging and live successfully in the community. These services not only complement medical care and help seniors juggle life on a budget, they provide life-line interventions that very often prevent institutionalization.

I know these services make a difference. LIFE ElderCare has helped thousands of older adults in the Tri-City Area stabilize their lives through our basic services.

We will all be older adults, one day. Your help is needed. These services rely on federal funding and donations, and are struggling to serve more seniors than ever.

Call or email your County Supervisor and tell him or her that the County needs to step up and provide some funding. Supervisor Valle and Supervisor Haggerty are both very approachable and have strong records of supporting safety nets for local seniors. Their contact information is available at <http://www.acgov.org/board/>

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