



Council of Senior Centers & Services of NYC, Inc.

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**ACTION ALERT
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

**MAYOR BLOOMERG ASKS ALL CITY AGENCIES TO TAKE A 2.5% CUT
THIS IS A \$4 MILLION CUT TO DFTA FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR**

**THIS IS ON TOP OF THE 3%, \$5.5 MILLION, CUT
AGENCIES ALREADY GOT**

SENIOR CENTERS AT-RISK OF CLOSING

Budget cuts:

- These two cuts combined, plus some other cuts to DFTA, mean that DFTA funded programs will be reduced by about \$11 million this fiscal year.
- City Council and the Bloomberg administration have to agree on the cuts in November.
- It is important that you contact your Councilmember(s) and tell them the impact of the cuts to seniors – what they will lose.
- ***Please complete and fax the attached impact survey to Bobbie Sackman at (212) 398-8398.***

Senior centers at-risk of closing:

- The NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) has a \$200 million deficit. There are 100 senior centers located in NYCHA buildings. Because of this deficit they are planning to close many senior centers. It is unclear at this time how many centers, which ones, and when this would happen.
- Also, the Department for the Aging is planning to put up all 329 senior centers for rfp at the same time. The rfp may come out in October. It is clear that the city plans to close some senior centers through this rfp process.

• ***It is critical that seniors send the attached flyer to:***

Mayor Michael Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Tino Hernandez
Chair, NYC Housing Authority
250 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Speaker Christine Quinn
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

your Councilmember(s)

For further information, please contact Bobbie Sackman, (212) 398-6565, x226 or bsackman@cscs-ny.org

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IN ANY LANGUAGE IT'S THE WRONG MESSAGE.

THIS SENIOR CENTER IS CLOSED.

Este centro de gente mayores esta cerrado. (Spanish)

Questo centro maggiore è chiuso. (Italian)

此老人中心已關閉 (Chinese)

본 경로회관은 폐관입니다 (Korean)

**Этот центр для пожилых людей - закрыт.
(Russian)**

Sant moun aje a femen. (Creole)

Please do not close my senior center. No more cuts to DFTA.

Name _____

Senior Center _____

Add a personal message about what would happen to you if your senior center closed (in any language with translation, if possible):



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**BUDGET CUT IMPACT SURVEY
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In order to advocate on behalf of your agency, we would appreciate your completing this survey and returning it as soon as possible. We all recognize these are difficult fiscal times and it is critical that we be able to demonstrate the impact of cuts on older New Yorkers. DFTA has announced it will be removing Borough President funds from agencies – some this year and all by next year. We want to document the impact of budget cuts and the importance of BP and City Council funds. This is a large loss of funds in a short amount of time. ***Please fax survey to*** – Bobbie Sackman, (212) 398-8398. For further information, please contact Bobbie at (212) 398-6565 x226 or bsackman@cscs-ny.org Thanks for your cooperation.

Agency _____

Contact _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

Councilmember _____

1. 3% across-the-board city cut –

Amount cut \$ _____

Impact of cut: (check whatever applies) – the following has been cut -

___ staff - # of staff cut _____

___ transportation funds

___ meal funds

___ exercise classes

___ art classes

___ health and wellness programs

___ information and referral services

___ ESL classes

___ other (please specify) _____

2. 2.5% cut –

Amount cut \$ _____

Impact of cut: (check whatever applies) – the following has been cut -

- staff - # of staff cut _____
- transportation funds
- meal funds
- exercise classes
- art classes
- health and wellness programs
- information and referral services
- ESL classes
- case management services
- home care
- other (please specify) _____

3. reduction by five cents per meal to food subsidy –

- will reduce meals - # reduced _____ meals-on-wheels _____ congregate _____
- less fresh fruits and vegetables
- less variety of menus
- other (please specify) _____

4. Discretionary funds –

Borough President –

Amount receive - \$ _____

Purpose of funding - \$ _____

Impact of losing all BP funds - _____

City Council – (please list for funds from each Councilmember – attach page if need more space)

Councilmember _____

Amount receive - \$ _____

Purpose of funding - _____

Councilmember _____

Amount receive - \$ _____

Purpose of funding - _____

Please add any additional information about funding impact on your agency: