## County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D., County Executive

**FROM:** Robert Menicocci, Director, Social Services Agency

**SUBJECT:** Off Agenda Report regarding the Senior Nutrition Program

At the January 18, 2022, Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) meeting, Supervisor Chavez requested additional information relating to congregate meals being served.

The Senior Nutrition Program's (SNP) dine-in/café program offers nutritious and healthy lunches at 37 different nutrition sites throughout the County of Santa Clara. These lunches are either cooked on-site or catered by local restaurants or local food vendors and provide 1/3 of the Daily Reference Intake for an older adult. Since the start of the shelter-in-place order, SNP transitioned from dine-in to a grab-and-go meal service. The modified service allowed all congregate meal sites to provide to-go meals, curbside, drive-through, and home-delivered meals.

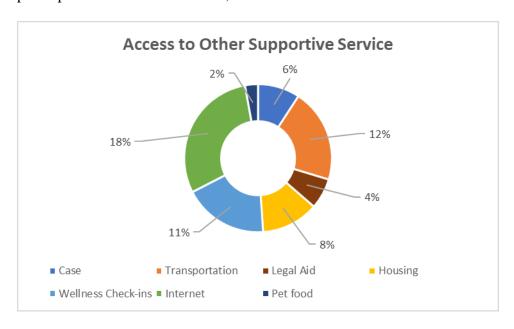
SNP is currently operating 37 locations across Santa Clara County. The locations are listed below by supervisorial districts. During the pandemic, five SNP locations closed due to a variety of reasons. Closures included Alviso, Cubberly Community Center, Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center, and Live Oak Adult Day Services.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, SNP's congregate dining program has grown by 40%. In fiscal year 2020, the first year of the pandemic, we saw 26% growth going from 631,859 to 795,528 meals. The subsequent year, SNP provided 904,763 meals – 14% increase from the prior year. All sites, except for seven, are serving above pre-pandemic levels. In total, 69% of SNP sites serviced above baseline. One site served 225% above baseline. Since the beginning of the current fiscal year, there were 1,346 meals on average left over across all SNP locations. For January 2022, there were 655 meals leftover meals across all SNP locations.

SNP is considered a flagship program for many of our sites. It is an anchor program that bring older adults through the door and then connects them to additional resources and programs at locations throughout the County. There are some locations that require participation in programming to qualify for dining services. Such programs include the Vista Center and Live Oak Adult Day Services. SNP services are provided as a supplement to other programming offered at community sites. As such, SNP data is not integrated into the site database. Because of this and for data privacy issues, it is difficult to say how much and frequently SNP participants access other services. SNP surveys participants annually and per self-reporting data know that

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6% of clients access case management services, 12% transportation, 4% legal aid, 11% participate in wellness check-ins, and 18% use internet services.



District 1		
Jurisdiction:	Site Name:	Meals Served to Date (December 2021):
San Jose	Almaden Community Center	12,751
	Southside Community Center	13,680
Los Gatos	Los Gatos Community Center	6,351
	Villa Vasona	1,295
Morgan Hill	Morgan Hill Senior Café	13,202
Gilroy	Gilroy Senior Center	10,080
		Total Meals: 57,359

District 2		
Jurisdiction:	Site Name:	Meals Served to Date (December 2021):
San Jose	Alma Senior Center	4,505
	Eastside Neighborhood Center	18,292
	John XXIII Multi-Service Center	21,607
	Mayfair Café	7,243
	Seven Trees Community Center	8,501
	Northside Community Center	11,913
	Portuguese Organization for Social	18,270
	Services Operations (POSSO)	
	Roosevelt Community Center	17,262
	Salvation Army – Senior Activities Center	18,249
	Vietnamese American Service Center	4,121

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(VASC)		
Yu-Ai Kai Seni	or Center	10,083
		Total Meals: 140,046

District 3		
City:	Site Name:	Meals Served to Date (December 2021):
San Jose	Berryessa	33,889
	Evergreen	23,477
	Viet Tu Te	20,241
Milpitas	India Community Center at Milpitas	5,832
	Milpitas Senior Center	14,925
Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale Senior Nutrition Program	28,721
-	at First United Methodist Church	
		Total Meals: 127,085

District 4		
City:	Site Name:	Meals Served to Date (December 2021):
San Jose	Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)	4,896
	Camden Community Center	10,045
	Cypress Senior Center	11,715
	Korean American Community Services (KACS)	7,286
	Vista Center	902
	Willows Café	10,046
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Senior Center	11,714
Campbell	Campbell Adult Center	9,547
		Total Meals: 66,151

District 5		
City:	Site Name:	Meals Served to Date (December 2021):
Cupertino	India Community Center at West India Community Center at West	2,927
Mountain View	Community Service Agency at Mountain View Senior Center	26,612
Palo Alto	La Comida at Stevenson House La Comida at FUMC	26,020 16,662
Sunnyvale	Self Help for the Elderly at South Bay	11,452
		Total Meals: 83,673

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Site	Average Daily	Cuisine
	Meals Served	
AACI	97	Chinese
Alma	33	Mexican
Almaden	197	Continental
Berryessa	271	Varied (Mexican, Chinese Continental)
Blind Center	41	Continental
Camden	81	Continental
Campbell	86	Continental
Cypress	103	Continental
Eastside	143	Mexican
Evergreen	172	Chinese, Continental, Mexican, Vietnamese
Gardner	39	Mexican
Gilroy	95	Continental
Mayfair	58	Continental
ICC-West Valley	25	Vegetarian – Asian Indian
ICC-Milpitas	125	Vegetarian – Asian Indian
Seven Trees	66	Chinese, Continental, Mexican, Vietnamese
John XXIII	189	Vietnamese
Korean	58	Korean
La Comida	226	Continental
FUMC	145	Continental
Los Gatos	53	Continental
Villa Vasona	27	Continental
Milpitas	125	Continental, Chinese
Morgan Hill	102	Continental
Mountain View	215	Continental
Northside	91	Continental
POSSO	162	Portuguese
Salvation Army	128	Continental
Santa Clara	113	Continental
Self-Help	107	Chinese
Southside	113	Continental
Roosevelt	118	Continental
Sunnyvale	246	Continental
VASC	448	Vietnamese, Vegetarian
Willows	83	Continental
Yu Ai (C1)	92	Japanese
VTT	241	Vietnamese, Vegan

For the month of January 2022, SNP served the following total meals:

Meals Served for Dine-in	1,311
Meals Served To-go	68,332
Sheltering-in-Place Home Delivered Meals	3,476
Miscellaneous Meals (Disabled, Volunteers, Etc.)	695
FEMA Meals	12,713
Total Meals	86,527

For the Month of January 2022, the following meals were denied:

Eastside	23
Salvation Army	59
VASC	992
Self-Help	45
VTT	8
Total	1127

<sup>\*</sup> This list may not be comprehensive. SNP asks that sites document how many participants were denied a meal. This documentation is not automated. It is paper tallied and due to the nature of documentation may contain some errors.

The Senior Nutrition Program pays by meals served. Meals that are left over after service are not reimbursed and not included in the service level numbers above. Many sites have systems in place to estimate daily demand to reduce leftovers, such a reservation system that allow them to provide the exact number of meals needed but some sites intentionally have extras available so that no one goes away hungry.

For the month of January 2022, sites ordered or prepared the meals below but did not serve them:

Almaden	100
Berryessa	179
Camden	129
Campbell	76
Cypress	38
First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto	155
Gardner	9
Korean American Community Services	5
Mayfair	58
Milpitas	99
Roosevelt	20
Salvation Army	91
Self-Help at South Bay	139
Seven Trees	65

Southside	22
Willow Glen	17
Total	1202

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