

**Reuse Meeting Feedback
Alma Senior Center, 10:30 am
September 30, 2009
Attendance: 70**

1. What are the most important services, in priority order, that you want delivered at this facility?

- The same activities presently provided (Senior nutrition; exercise and dancing classes, Bingo; Senior Trip Program (Casa de Fruta, Reno, Mt. Hamilton, etc.); other senior programming
- SALA (Senior Adults Legal Assistance) Program
- Nutrition Lunch Program
- Brown Bag
- Older Adult Resource Services
- Social Worker visit (3 times a week) (Case Management Services)
- Haircuts
- Drop-in Activities
- Free bread Program
- Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
- Blood Pressure Check
- Walking Program
- Continue fundraising events like the Alma senior flea markets

2. What qualities are most important to you in the services offered at this facility? E.g., staffing, cost, cultural programs, accessibility (days and times), etc.

- Keep the same staff (Gerontology Specialist, Food Service Coordinator, Cook)
- Cultural Programs
 - Cinco de Mayo
 - Dies y Seis de Septiembre
 - Birthdays/Anniversaries
 - Holiday Celebrations
- Mariachi three times a year
- Special Events (Luau)
- Spanish-speaking staff
- Quality van services (pick-up and drop-off)
- Alma staff is cordial and professional
- Newsletter
- Scheduling of programs

3. Who should provide these services?

- PRNS (100% of the 70+ seniors in attendance)
- Alternative Services Providers (Must re-hire Alma staff)

- Sacred Heart Community Service, 1381 S 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95110-3431 (408) 278-2160
- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, 2625 Zanker Road, San Jose, CA 95134-2107, (408) 468-0100

General Comments:

- “Take this away (Senior Program), and you’re going to kill us.”
- “We want this program (Senior Program) to stay the same.”
- “The Alma cooks make the best food in the valley.”
- “Why is City of San José funding/other projects like the stadium and subsidizing the Mariachi Festival and Mexican Heritage Plaza and closing down centers like Alma?”
- “Why is the City building new centers and closing the old ones?”
- “Why don’t you put up the new community centers funded by the bond money for Reuse?”