

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 36**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE  
STRONGLY SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF THE  
SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM SERVICED BY  
KINGS/TULARE AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
TO THE LEMOORE SENIOR CENTER**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on June 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in 1984, the City of Lemoore contracted with Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging to build the kitchen at the Lemoore Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging began administering the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program shortly thereafter to provide our senior citizens with hot, nutritional, noonday meals, recreational programming and a place to socialize, and

WHEREAS, Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging receives grant funding through the Older Americans Act which purpose is (1) to reduce hunger and food insecurity; (2) to promote socialization of older individuals; and (3) to promote the health and well-being of older individuals by assisting such individuals to gain access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior; and

WHEREAS, in July 2003, Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging reduced the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program from providing services five (5) days per week to four (4) days per week; and

WHEREAS, in January 2008, Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging members requested that the Lemoore City Manager meet with them to discuss the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, in January 2008, Lemoore City Manager met with members of the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging which was considered to be an informal "meet and greet" at which time the members offered information that the Senior Nutrition Program as a whole was suffering financially and the Lemoore site in particular, and that additional funding sources were being sought; and

WHEREAS, in January and March 2008, members of the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging met with members of the Lemoore Senior Center, reported that the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program was suffering financially and recommended that the seniors increase the amount of their per meal donation; and

WHEREAS, Joe Simonson and Lynne Nelson were also in attendance at the March 2008 meeting at the Lemoore Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, during the March 2008 meeting, Mr. Simonson questioned the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging representative as to the amount of shortfall for the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program and was given an approximate figure of \$10,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008, the City began fundraising efforts by sending letters to local businesses and organizations requesting financial support for the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, the Lemoore City Manager received a letter from the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Program Director informing the City that the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council would be recommending to its Governing Board on May 19, 2008, that nutrition services be discontinued at the Lemoore site; and

WHEREAS, Lemoore City staff immediately contacted the Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino and reported that the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program needed to raise \$10,000 or it would be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2008, members of the Lemoore Senior Center, two Council Members, three representatives from the Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino and City staff attended the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Governing Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino presented a letter of intent at the May 19, 2008 meeting promising a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 for the continuation of the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, after much discussion by the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging staff, it was determined that the stated financial shortfall in the amount of \$10,000 for the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program was understated and that it would take \$17,000 to keep the Program from being cut; and

WHEREAS, the Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino representatives suggested that they would need further authority, but would probably be able to contribute up to \$20,000 for the continuation of the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, after further discussion by the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging staff, it was determined that the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program financial shortfall was much more than originally thought and that it would require approximately \$50,000 for the continuation of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Governing Board tabled the issue for 60 days for further review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemoore acknowledges that the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program is of great value to our senior citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemoore strongly supports the continuance of the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemoore strongly urges the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging to continue to provide the Lemoore Senior Nutrition Program at its current level of service to the senior citizens at the Lemoore Senior Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

APPROVED:

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John F. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci C.O. Lima, CMC  
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF KINGS        ) ss.  
CITY OF LEMOORE         )

I, Nanci C. O. Lima, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Lemoore at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 17, 2008.

DATED: June 17, 2008

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Nanci C. O. Lima, CMC  
City Clerk