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Hi Lara! This is my cover letter to you. I would like just the underline words read at the beginning of the meeting during the Non-Agenda items. The rest is just helpful information, I hope, for the people who can make things happen.

Thanks for everything you do, Janet Gibson

I've been trying to track down what's going on with our City's involvement with Gavin Newsom's "Great Plates Delivered" program. The answer is NOTHING! I've tracked all Website leads from Alameda, Dublin, and Alameda County. Each site lists this program but it has never begun, partly in fact because the cities have turned it over to Alameda County and the county states "it is nonfunctional" at this time.

While each city has many organizations that are supplying food to their community, Great Plates Delivered is unique because it supports the economic health of local restaurants and delivers three nutritional meals daily to a unique senior and/or disabled population who can't afford ordering out, can't cook their own meals, and can't leave their apartments.

This state funded program is being renewed at least for two additional months. It is time for the City of Alameda to communicate with other cities where excellent programs are now serving their communities. I have been in contact with Pasadena and include two pieces of their literature below. They are utilizing skills and expertise from multiple City Departments and local service organizations. I talked with one key person, Lawayne Williams, and he would be happy to share Pasadena's learning experience with someone in our City Administration. Here is some of what I learned in my 30 minute conversation:

1. Volunteers and staff who work with a variety of senior programs help interested seniors fill out forms and applications. Some forms were shortened and adjusted for "screening" purposes.
2. Pasadena, with a population of 138,101, began serving 55 seniors and is now serving 129.
3. The program gives priority to non-franchised restaurants and has had 35 applications. They are now using 9 restaurants on a 3-day rotational schedule. Each restaurant application is time-stamped and processed accordingly.
4. The car delivery program has taken the most energy to organize. The city has been mapped and divided into sections for delivery. Some seniors need "Social Service" help because they have forgotten or are fearful about a stranger coming to their door.

My contact, Lawayne Williams, normally works in their Parks & Recreation Department but is one of the leads for Great Plates Delivered. His phone number is: 626-744-3914

Thank you, Janet Gibson

PS. I just called Lawayne (Wanted to make sure the number I had really worked.) and told him that he might hear from Alameda!

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/great-plates/>

Great Plates Delivered: Home Meal Delivery for Older Adults

On April 24, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the first-in-the-nation Great Plates Delivered program. The program is designed to support adults 65 and older and adults 60-64 who are at high risk from COVID-19, in staying home and staying healthy by delivering three (3) nutritious meals a day, and also provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses and workers. The City of Pasadena is now accepting inquiries from seniors interested in participating in the Great Plates Delivered program, and from restaurants interested in providing meals.

Program Eligibility

- Individuals who are 65 or older
- Individuals who are 60-64 years old and at high risk as defined by the CDC, including:
 - Are COVID-19 positive (as documented by a state/local public health official or medical health professional)
 - Have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a state/local public health official or medical health professional)
 - Have an underlying condition
- Individuals must live alone or with one other program-eligible adult
- Participants must not be currently receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition assistance programs such as CalFresh or Meals on Wheels
- Household income for one person cannot exceed \$74,940 or \$101,460 for a household of two
- Individuals must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals

[See if I'm Eligible](#)

Interested in Providing Meals?

Pasadena food providers may use this form to sign up to receive more information about how to participate in the Great Plates Delivered Program in Pasadena. Please Note: Submission of this interest form does NOT constitute enrollment in the program.

Food Provider Eligibility

Selection in the program will be evaluated based on a restaurant's ability to:

- Meet volume
- Meet nutritional standards
- Source locally
- Meet cultural needs
- Must not currently participate in a state or federal meal service program

[Submit a Food Provider Interest Form](#)

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/wp-content/uploads/Great-Plates-Flyer.pdf?v=1591089750457>