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**To:** [City Council](#)  
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Dear City Council:

I was disheartened to see the reduction of funding for the Sebastopol Senior Center. My Great-Grandmother adored the Sebastopol Senior Center and Autumn Leaves group many years ago as it was a vital part of her life. Having grown up on Wilton Avenue, I saw many joyful seniors coming and going from the center with such great smiles, a sense of camaraderie, connection, and community. Through her happy tales and trails with the SSC, I knew which trip, outing, or afternoon game, jaunt, or get together was occurring. The SCC has left an indelible mark on the hearts and spirits of our elder community members.

Now that I am (surprisingly) now a senior and a member, I am very grateful for its vital role in enhancing the lives of our invaluable elders. It is a small offset to fund as the benefit of having our wisest and most spiritually philanthropic community members happy, thriving, and 'grandmothering' within our beloved Sebastopol - is a reciprocal wealth beyond measure. We ask for ongoing support for Grand Mothers (and Grandfathers) of the area. It is an investment in humanity for All of Sebastopol.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Julie Peterson  
SCC Member

## **Calling All Grand Mothers**

We have to live  
differently  
or we  
will die  
in the same  
old ways.

Therefore  
I call on all Grand Mothers  
everywhere  
on the planet  
to rise  
and take your place  
in the leadership  
of the world

Come out  
of the kitchen

out of the  
fields  
out of the  
beauty parlors  
out of the  
television

Step forward  
& assume  
the role  
for which  
you were  
created:  
To lead humanity  
to health, happiness  
& sanity.

I call on  
all the  
Grand Mothers  
of Earth  
& every person  
who possesses  
the Grand Mother  
spirit  
of respect for  
life  
&  
protection of  
the young  
to rise  
& lead.

The life of  
our species  
depends  
on it.

& I call on all men  
of Earth  
to gracefully

and  
gratefully

stand aside  
& let them  
(let us)  
do so.

—Alice Walker