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To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Bay Area psychiatric hospital plagued by violence. California won't help
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025 1:51:54 PM

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/projects/2025/california-psychiatric-hospitals-patients/>

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Sophia,

I was planning on attending listening session and was not able to participate due to my hearing aids not working properly at the time of event.

Was this recorded? I did review the report from consultant on behalf of County Behavioral Health.

I will be providing my feedback to the Mental Health Advisory Board and Board of Supervisors.

I will include NAMI to be aware of my concerns about the Community Planning Process (CPP) not being done in an intergraded setting especially with consumers, families, and SMI unhoused community . Consumers include dual diagnosis of Intellectual Disability and Mental Health and their families.

I'm aware the County's reached out to Service Providers including Mental Health Client Action Network (MHCAN) and local NAMI.

Only two hundred online surveys. Twenty of them consumers. This does not provide an adequate representation of the needs and gaps within the mental health community, including our SMI unhoused community.

This is unacceptable and doesn't reflect the real needs in our community with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) three year plan.

I could have done a better job as a person with lived experience in increasing community feedback ,especially during this time ,with transitioning to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) due to Proposition 1 passed in November 2024 in 2026.

The California Department of Healthcare Services (CDHCS) requires a three year "Intergrated Plan" for the Housing bucket piece for year 2026-2029.

I attended Housing Conference two weeks ago in Sacramento and there is a workshop on Propositions 1 on Housing bucket that I attended to learn more about this issue, since guidance and policies are currently being draft and will be an issue for all Counties.

County of Santa Cruz is estimated to receive \$6.7 million dollars of the "Housing" bucket piece of BHSA funds.

According to the State these are definitions of what Counties can use while the guidance and policies are currently being drafted by the State.

- 1) Rental Subsidies
- 2) Operational Subsidies
- 3) Shared Housing
- 4) Family Housing
- 5) Other Housing Support
- 6) Capitol Projects
- 7) Project Based Housing

I'm truly disappointed with MHSA dollars being wasted for RDA Consulting with low numbers of participants especially consumers and families.

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We do have a small deaf community in Santa Cruz County.

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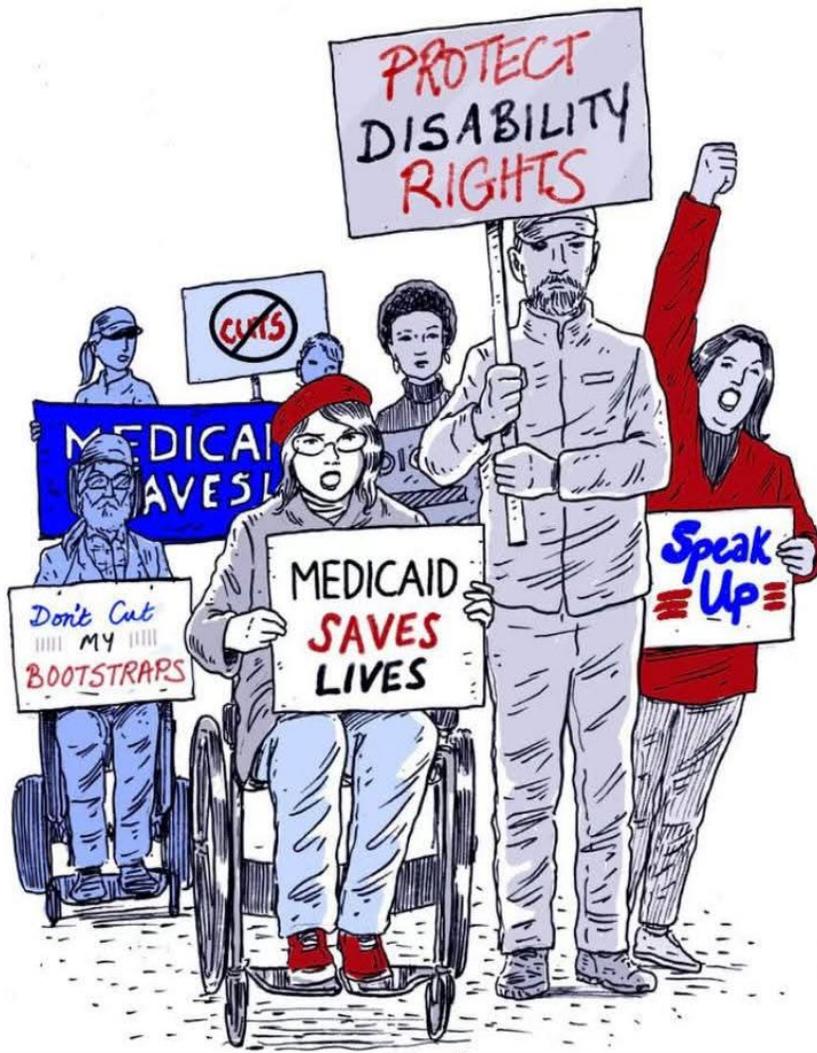
<https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/congressional-republicans-cant-cut-medicaid-by-hundreds-of-billions-without-hurting>

Tell Congress:

**PROTECT
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**STOP
BILLIONAIRE
TAX CUTS.**



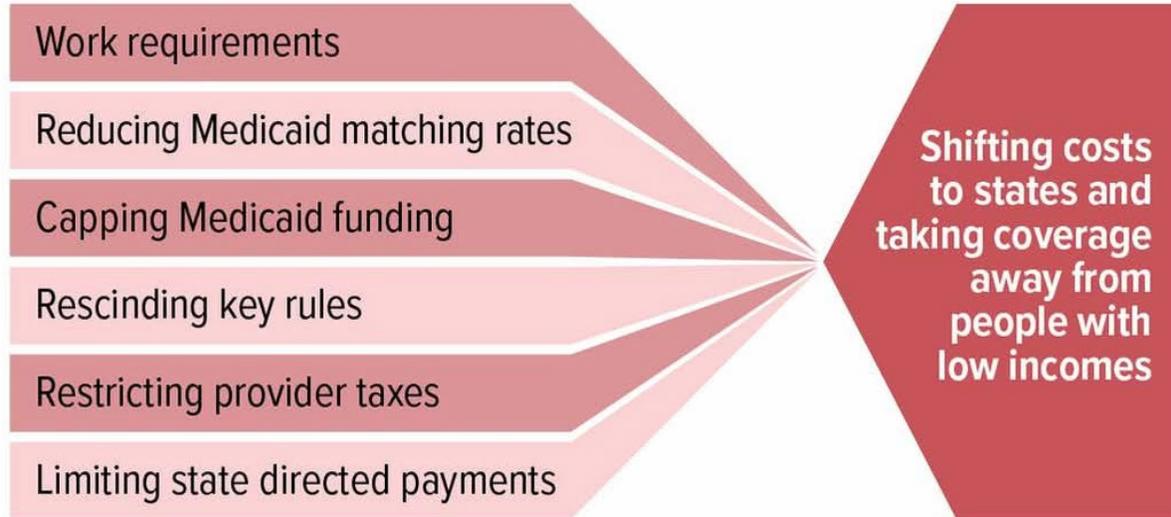


Cuts to Medicaid and Social Services Target Our Community



Medicaid Cuts Take Many Forms But With Same Result

Policies that cut Medicaid might include:



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