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Written Public Comment

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	Dear Esteemed Board Members, I am writing to you on behalf of Meals That Connect, an organization dedicated to providing essential nutrition and fostering community among seniors in San Luis Obispo County. It is with a heavy heart that I bring to your attention the precarious situation facing our Cambria program. Our meals do so much more than merely nourish; they serve as a lifeline

Written Public Comment:	for many seniors, offering not only sustenance but also vital connections and companionship. However, the viability of our Cambria program is currently under threat due to low attendance in our dining area. The primary challenge we face in Cambria is our geographical location, which poses significant barriers for seniors to access our services. Many of our elderly residents are unable to travel the distance to our dining rooms, leaving them isolated and without the critical support we provide. We are currently sharing a very small space with Cambria Community Presbyterian on Yorkshire Drive. We believe that every senior in our community deserves access to nutritious meals and the opportunity to engage in social interactions that can combat loneliness and improve their overall well-being. That is why we are appealing to you today for assistance in preserving our Cambria program. We humbly request your consideration in allowing us to utilize the Veterans Hall as a venue for our meals in Cambria. This centrally located facility would vastly improve accessibility for seniors in the area, ensuring that they can benefit from our services without the hindrance of distance. Furthermore, by relocating to the Veterans Hall, we would have the opportunity to reach out to more seniors who may be currently underserved due to transportation limitations. This move aligns with our mission to serve the entire community inclusively and compassionately. We are eager to discuss this matter further with you and explore how we can work together to find a sustainable solution that ensures the continuation of Meals That Connect in Cambria. The well-being of our senior population is at stake, and we cannot afford to let them down. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We remain hopeful that with your support, we can overcome the challenges facing our Cambria program and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our beloved seniors. Sincerely, Fanny Arenas Program
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