BAY AREA ETHNIC ELDERS ON THE EDGE:  
Bay Area Seniors Struggling and Coping in the Recession  
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Roxanne L. Murray, Program Director, Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Family Service Agency (FSA) & National Council on Aging, 415-982-7007 ex. 611; 415-931-0972 (Fax); rmurray@fsasf.org. Murray holds degrees in political science and law, with a focus on anti-discrimination law. As director of the SCSEP & Economic Security Initiative Center Program, she and FSA’s staff work to create training and work opportunities for low-income workers ages 55 and older.

To follow-up with Cottrell Armistad or other ethnic elders at FSA, please contact Roxanne Murray at the above e-mail/phone number.

Araceli Martínez Ortega, Capitol Correspondent (Sacramento), La Opinióin, araceli.martinez@laopinion.com, 916-444-6936. She has held this position for the Los Angeles newspaper La Opinióin since 2006. Previously, she was an assignment desk editor, news writer and producer for Univision San Francisco. In México, where she is from, she worked as a reporter, editor, columnist and news director for major newspapers as El Universal, El Imparcial and Diario del Yaqui. She also was a radio host for various news shows for more than a decade. In the USA, she also has been a contributor for Radio Bilingüe. She is a 2007 winner of the Golden Award Jose Martí from the National Association of Hispanic Publications, and currently holds a 2012 MetLife Foundation Journalists in Aging Fellowship, a collaboration of the Gerontological Society of America and New America Media.

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has represented seniors and people with disabilities in federal class-action litigation for the National Senior Citizens Law Center since 2006. Her advocacy focuses on increasing access to Medicare, Medi-Cal, and other health and income benefits. Along with Katharine Hsiao, she is the author of *Improving Language Access to Keep California’s Older Adults at Home: An Examination of the In-Home Supportive Services Program* (February 2011).

**Megael Johnson, Jr.,** Senior, Richmond High School,  mjohnsonjr94@yahoo.com, reporters following up on weekdays—only call him after 4 p.m. on his cell, (510)672-8772. A contributor to NAM’s Richmond Pulse youth journalism project, he is the author of the article, “Looking After Grandma, Learning Responsibility,” Link: http://bit.ly/zkQqpX).

SELECTED ADDITIONAL SOURCES:

*San Francisco:*

**Cora Chu, 415-305-7768.** Foster Grandparent at Compass Children's Center, in San Francisco’s Tenderloin, where she provides support in HeadStart classrooms to low-income, economically disadvantaged children.

**Deloris McGee, 415-585-9859, deemcgee@gmail.com,** is involved in numerous advocacy efforts for seniors and adults with disabilities in San Francisco. One of her projects is organizing food delivery for seniors 80 years and older who are not receiving any other supports in the community, in the Oceanside, Ingleside, and Merced Heights neighborhoods.

**Beverly Taylor, 415-822-8566.** Co-President, Senior Action Network, active member of Network for Elders, and participant of the One Away California campaign, speaking from direct experience in economic hardship facing seniors today.

*East Bay:*

**Marty Lynch,** Executive Director, LifeLong Medical, Over 60 Clinic, 510.981.4123; mlynch@lifelongmedical.org www.lifelongmedical.org. Health policy lecturer, U.S. Berkeley. An excellent source of both analysis on California’s senior health care policies and issues. Lynch and his staff can help reporters reach low-income elders of different ethnicities they serve in the East Bay.

**Wendy Peterson,** Director, Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County, wendy@seniorsservicescoalition.org, cell: 510-332-4669; website: www.seniorsservicescoalition.org. A great source.