

To: Civic Affairs Committee
From: Borough Manager
Subject: Funding Allocation for Senior Activities and Facilities Coordinator

Deputy Director Emily Deach has prepared a draft position description for the Senior Activities and Facilities Coordinator role. This position holds significant potential in facilitating the coordination of activities and improvements for our seniors. The Assembly has already adopted resolution 23-09R, designating \$50,000 for the You Say Tomato building (21st and State Street) upgrades and \$25,000 for a Senior Activities and Facilities Coordinator. While MOS staff continues to assess the building's functionality and safety (we are currently awaiting an ADA assessment), I propose that we consider allocating more funding towards the coordinator position to prioritize direct engagement with our senior population.

By emphasizing the role of the coordinator, we can ensure that our decision-making processes align with the needs and preferences of the seniors. The coordinator would act as a liaison between the seniors and the Municipality, enabling informed decisions that cater to the needs of the greatest number of seniors. This approach does not suggest abandoning the 21st and State Street building but rather emphasizes involving seniors in decision-making from the beginning.

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