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[REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS]



FY17 House Budget

As spring arrived in Massachusetts, so too did the state budget process for Fiscal Year 2017. The House budget, passed in late April, is meant to serve as a blueprint for continued economic growth in Massachusetts by investing in areas most critical to the government's core functions. As I write this update the budget is being considered in the Senate and will be signed by the Governor this summer.

Recognizing the changing demographics of our state, the House of Representatives is committed to serving the unique needs of our growing senior population. It is one of our greatest tasks to adequately support programs that enable seniors, of all ages, to participate in family, community, work, and civic events as valued and respected members of society. As Chair of the Elder Caucus I understand how critical these programs are to seniors in my district and across the Commonwealth.

I worked closely with House leadership to increase the formula for local Councils on Aging from \$9 per senior to \$10 per senior – an increase that will help Councils better connect seniors to programs, services, and activities.

Additional elder programs that received funding were:

- Home Care Services
- Supportive Senior Housing
- Elder Protective Services
- Elder Nutrition, including Meals on Wheels
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Maynard Senior Van Enhancement: I successfully filed and passed an amendment that will add route and passenger capacity to the LRTA Senior Van Program to provide seniors with the freedom to keep their local appointments and maintain their independence. This amendment needs to be passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor.

Rep. Hogan publishes an annual E-Newsletter with details about the House Budget. If you would like to receive this E-Newsletter, please call (617) 722-2130 or email my Communications Director at Kelsey.Schiller@MAhouse.gov.

Coffee with Kate in Maynard

Join me for "Coffee & Conversation" on Friday, June 24th from 3-4p.m. at SERENDIPITY CAFÉ, 1 Nason Street, Maynard.



Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- **Maynard Office Hours** will be held on Tuesday, June 14th from 6-7 p.m. at the Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street, Maynard.
- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, June 23rd from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton.

Please bring any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2130 to schedule an appointment with me.

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