State: California
Community Name: Town of Windsor
Population Size: 27447
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 20
Community Structure: Town
Other: Community Type: Suburban (mostly residential), Small Town
Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment
Name: Dominic Foppoli
Title: Mayor of Windsor
Office Mailing Address: PO BOX 100, Windsor, CA 95492
Community Contact Name: Erin Stroud
Email: [redacted]
Position: Recreation Supervisor
Telephone: [redacted]
Role: Serves as a liaison between the City staff and the City Council. Makes recommendations on projects that will create a more age friendly community. Serves as a member of the Age Friendly Ad Hoc committee.
Older Adult Involvement: The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (SCAC) was created to serve as an advocate for Windsor’s older adult residents. Members of the SCAC, through an Ad Hoc Committee, have been actively involved in the Age-friendly process. Two focus groups were held in 2017 with steering committee members of Age-Friendly Sonoma County and Windsor senior citizens. These meetings created a face to face opportunity for local seniors to share their opinions and ideas on how to create a more age-friendly community through direct interaction. Information obtained through the focus groups helped the Windsor identify priorities and key challenges for its seniors. A large survey of over 1,000 seniors by Age Friendly Sonoma County gave local older adults the chance to share their thoughts and opinions. Information collected in this survey will be included in the larger County Age-friendly movement. Results from the focus groups and survey will serve as a guide for Windsor to identify future projects, programming and course offerings in the community. Information collected will further serve as an educational tool for businesses and non-profits in Windsor regarding the aging process, areas of concern for local older adults, and how to best serve our aging community.
Increasing Collaboration: The Town’s Recreation Program Supervisor sits on the Age Friendly Ad Hoc Committee and is in regular contact with that group’s coordinator.
and Coordination:
at Council on Aging regarding assessment and planning activities. This connection will facilitate the implementation of Age-Friendly improvements to the Town of Windsor. Sonoma County’s Area Agency on Aging (AAA), in partnership with several nonprofits and businesses, has long-established collaborations in Windsor. The Recreation Program Supervisor sits on the (AAA) Advisory board as a board member at large. Partnerships include Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels, Senior Advocacy Services, AARP, Connect Hearing and the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP). The connections made by the Town’s Recreation Program Supervisor and these organizations have facilitated a dialogue between seniors and across sectors of government, thus creating opportunities for education, outreach and partnerships between government and the community. The continued collaboration and communications between the Recreation Program Supervisor, local businesses, schools, healthcare providers, faith community, and non-profits will build on existing relationships and strengthen the voice of our senior citizens.

AARP Team Member Contact Info:
N/A

Most Instructive Area of Work:
The Town of Windsor hopes to contribute to the Global Network by participating as a City within the larger Sonoma County Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Windsor plans to inspire and support the cities and smaller communities within our county to participate in the Global Network. Sharing our journey and the findings of our community needs assessment can be beneficial to other communities that share the vision of becoming a part of the age-friendly global network.

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