



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org or call 202-434-2430
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APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 2/22/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Los Angeles

STATE: California

POPULATION SIZE: 3,884,307

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 604,395

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Eric Garcetti

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 200 N. Spring St Room 303 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

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Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Ms. Trejo is responsible for the overall administration of the Los Angeles Department of Aging, a municipal department and federally designated Area Agency on Aging, serving one of the largest and most diverse concentrations of older persons in the U.S. She serves as technical and policy advisor to Mayor Eric Garcetti and the 15 members of City Council; and represents the City of Los Angeles before the public, community and private groups on matters affecting senior citizen affairs.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

As a socio-demographic model where the rest of the world and nation are headed, Los Angeles is the ideal candidate for membership. Los Angeles is at the heart of a dynamic shift as what is oftentimes regarded as one of the most—if not the most—global cities in the world. On the national level, Los Angeles is the second largest city in the US with 3,884,307 residents and one of the most racially/ethnically diverse. It houses more than half a million people over the age of 60 (604,395). By making Los Angeles a better place to grow old, the Purposeful Aging L.A. -The 21st Century Initiative for Age-Friendly Los Angeles will make our city a better place for Angelenos of all ages to live, work, play, invest and visit. Galvanizing partnerships around an age-friendly focus, this effort will bring leaders from our rich tapestry of governmental, business, healthcare, educational, religious, cultural and community organizations together to consider how changes to policy and practice can create a city more inclusive of older adults with their special needs as well as assets. Joining these national and world-wide networks will capitalize on the innovative work the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging has already been doing for the past decade that has received national recognition for implementing programs that improve the quality of life of older adults. Through the Department’s leadership, work has already been set in motion under the auspices of groups such as the Aging and Disabilities Resource Collaborative and the Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging. At the municipal level, Purposeful Aging L.A. follows the lead of Mayor Garcetti’s “back to basics” agenda, focusing on priorities that foster a more livable city, job creation and improving transportation and its associated economic impact, by providing a flexible framework for each city department to work across traditional silos in a unified effort to develop a core action plan to better serve older adults. And perhaps most importantly, extending from the City Council to the Neighborhood Councils and local Senior Centers, Purposeful Aging L.A. will provide a voice and platform for action to older Angelenos to participate in this transformation. Each component of this broad-based effort converges in support of healthy, active and engaged older people as an asset to all areas of city life. Purposeful Aging L.A. will provide leadership for an innovative, multi-year effort in the City Los Angeles to improve the lives of today’s older adults and create a better future for future generations. As a continuing demographic shift changes the face of our community forever, leaders in Los Angeles have embraced the opportunity to reimagine what it means to grow older. Purposeful Aging L.A. will bring together public and private leadership, resources, ideas, and implementation strategies to strengthen communities throughout the City Los Angeles, improve the lives of older adults, and ensure a better future for Angelinos of all ages.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

In addition to engaging the our Advisory Council on Aging to support implementation of this initiative, we will mobilize older persons by working closely with AARP California to identify and engage them in all aspect of this work, including serving on committees and workgroups, surveying their needs and aspirations, and inviting their participation in implementation of new and innovative solutions to improve the quality of life for all Angelenos.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Aging has extensive experience in planning, developing and implementing of new policies, programs and initiatives. In addition, the Department is seen as regional leader in convening community wide stakeholders in creating meaningful systems change. We will be using existing entities that we have been instrumental in creating, including the Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging by bringing together City and County departments, private sector health care providers and not-for-profit community based organizations; the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition bringing together non-for-profit sector senior services providers; the UCLA Los Angeles Community Academic Partnership for Research in Aging; and the Aging and Disabilities Resource Collaborative bringing the aging and independent living centers networks. In addition, the City intends on convening an inter-departmental working group to support implementation of this initiative. Already, more than 10 city departments are engaged in collaborative efforts to improve services to older adults.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

As a global center of scientific, social, business and artistic achievement, Los Angeles can help set a standard for regions with aging populations across the globe that hunger for new models, initiatives, and innovative practices. As home to one of the most diverse older adult populations in the United States, where 57% of persons 60 years and older belong to a wide array of ethnic minority groups, representing more than 140 countries of origin, and who speak more than 90 languages and dialects. Los Angeles is uniquely positioned to identify and test innovative models that reflect the cultural and linguistic sensitivities needed for replication as few places in world can.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Today, more than half a million people over the age of 60 years live in the City of Los Angeles. Over the next 20 years, this number is expected to increase by nearly 50 percent—the most rapid increase in history. In addition, as the population ages the impact on families, who provide 90% of all care needed by older adults, will be significant. Los Angeles plans to take advantage of this historical opportunity to become among the best cities in the world to grow old. As a community, Los Angeles is at the forefront of addressing the unique challenges of an aging society. We believe that we have a lot to learn from the work of our peers nationally and internationally especially giving the great diversity of L.A. Participating in this national and global networks will bring a more targeted focus to our work and will support our learning from other areas of the country and world.

6) Please provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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