

RESOLUTION NO. 16-4812

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH APPROVES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the global population of people aged 60 and over is expected to grow from 600 million in 2000 to almost 2 billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the population of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow from 35 million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 65+ population from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, access to quality health care and long-term services and supports is essential for individuals to live in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of adults age 65 and older do not drive, and more than half of these non-drivers do not leave home on a given day, in part because they lack transportation options; and

WHEREAS, reduced mobility for older non-drivers leads to 15 percent fewer trips to the doctor, 59 percent fewer shopping trips and visits to restaurants, and 65 percent fewer trips for social and family activities; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, active aging is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly community is not just "elder-friendly" but also intended to be friendly for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the WHO has noted that "[m]aking cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic aging;" and

WHEREAS, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people and the AARP has a corresponding eight domains of livability as now hereby adapted to the needs of the City's community:

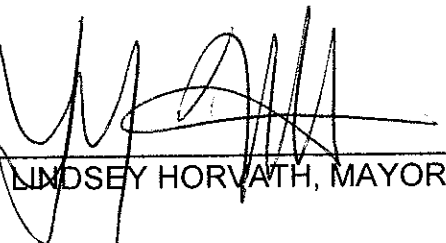
1. Open space and buildings
2. Transportation
3. Respect and Inclusion
4. Housing
5. Communication and Information
6. Civic Participation and Employment
7. Health and Community Services
8. Social Participation

WHEREAS, the WHO recognizes that cities and communities have different needs, resources, and varying capacities to engage their resources to take action to facilitate active aging;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood does hereby support initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network and corresponding initiatives of the AARP, including that designation on the related WHO and AARP websites.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and Mayor Horvath.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LINDSEY HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK