



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.
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APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *October 1, 2018*

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: CITY OF ANAHEIM

STATE: CALIFORNIA

POPULATION SIZE: 336, 265

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 13.4%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: MAYOR TOM TAIT

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 200 S. ANAHEIM BLVD, SUITE 433, ANAHEIM, CA 92805

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:

The City Staff person responsible for the carrying out of the community level work is Jose J. Perez

Responsibilities of their role include the following:

- 1) Plan, develop, and implement a senior services collaboration that meets bi-annually to address service gaps and needs of aging adults in an effort to decrease and end social isolation;
- 2) Engage City Departments and first responders including Anaheim Fire and Rescue and Anaheim Police to develop a step by step process that can identify and communicate safety and emergency related issues to Anaheim senior citizens in a timely manner;
- 3) Establish a working relationship with local tourist and resort entities to create communication and outreach opportunities for older adults visiting Anaheim;

- 4) Engage local school districts and faith-based institutions to create and provide multi-generational programs and services in support of senior citizens;
- 5) Research and maintain a listing of affordable housing opportunities and resources for senior citizens.

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.**

The City of Anaheim provides programs and services to Anaheim senior citizens through the Anaheim Active Older Adult Program offered at three community locations throughout the City; the Downtown Anaheim Community Center and Gymnasium, Brookhurst Community Center and East Anaheim Community Center & Gymnasium. Supportive services to seniors offered at each site vary but generally include social/recreational programs, health and wellness programs, safety and welfare programs, social service assistance, information and community resource assistance, and special events. Each of these are offered to help promote and support socialization opportunities to deter senior isolation. The City also offers a designated Senior Transportation Program for adults 60 years of age and older to travel throughout the City for their daily & personal needs. Transportation is offered to help seniors maintain their independence and socialize outside their home environment. In addition, Anaheim seniors are offered a Congregate Lunch Program that provides a healthy and nutritious hot meal daily to participating seniors but also offers an opportunity to engage and participate in social and recreational activities with their peers.

In 2017, the Anaheim City Council created a Senior Citizen Commission that acts as an advisory body to provide the City Council with vital information and recommendations on how best to address senior needs. The City plans to become more age-friendly by continuing to work closely with a variety of senior serving community based organizations, non-profit agencies, community businesses, and County/State agencies serving the seniors in our local area. The Senior Citizen Commission will be tasked to partner closely with Community Services Department staff to help identify the needs of Anaheim seniors and strategically plan out how best to communicate existing supportive services and identify strategies to help address any gaps in services to our senior population.

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

- 1) Coordinate and integrate senior citizens who live independently and/or in senior residential facilities in opportunities to provide input In order to improve opportunities for aging adults.
- 2) Meet with local senior service-delivery agencies including businesses, community based non-profit agencies and higher education institutions to help identify, address, and connect isolated seniors in the community.
- 3) Engage the City's Public Information Office to create and coordinate a media campaign with the goal of communicating existing programming, connecting isolated seniors, and providing information and resources to residents whom care for aging parents/adults.

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.

- 1) The City currently hosts the Anaheim Human Services Network as a networking platform for service providers to convene every other month and share information and resources related to the human services needs of the Anaheim community. A number of senior services agencies participate in this network and City Staff will continue to collaborate and grow this network to facilitate program planning and implementation in the community.
- 2) The City currently participates in the Orange County Strategic Plan for Aging, an Orange County-wide initiative leading the planning and operation of a system of integrated senior programs and services designed to maximize health, lives, and the well-being of our seniors.
- 3) The City will create and conduct a quarterly collaboration meeting as an off-spring to the Anaheim Human Services Network, to work more closely with both for-profit and non-profit organizations to provide and improve services and the service delivery system to Anaheim seniors.

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?

- 1) The City of Anaheim is a resort city. A goal would be to engage visitors through the Anaheim/Orange County Visitor and Convention Bureau and provide a “Senior Programs and Activities Guide” for distribution to interested visitors. The Guide outlines all of the services offered by the City to our older adults.
- 2) The City of Anaheim contributes to the AARP and WHO through the creation of the “Anaheim Outdoors Connectivity Plan”, a citywide master plan, that strives to connect people to green spaces and corridors and eliminate physical barriers to each in order to foster recreation, increase socialization, promote healthy lifestyles, increase safety, and build community. These goals directly address a number of the World Health Organization’s eight established domains.

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?

The City of Anaheim recognizes that the senior demographic has the greatest projected growth within the next decade. It is critically important for Anaheim to remain at the forefront of innovation and continue to meet the needs of our aging population. Anaheim continuously seeks to improve upon what is provided, identify additional needs, bridge service gaps, and address deficiencies in a timely manner in order for our seniors to stay socially engaged and connected, live and lead meaningful lives, and age gracefully.

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