



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@aarp.org.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 6/25/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Lafayette

STATE: CA

POPULATION SIZE: 23,893 (2010); Estimated 26,103 (2016, US Census Bureau Population and Housing Unit Estimates)

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: Lafayette, 65+: 16.6% (2010); Contra Costa County, 60+: 19% (2017/18 Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging Area Plan Update)

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Don Tatzin

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. #210, Lafayette, CA 94549

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:

Terry Black is Chairperson of the Lafayette Senior Services Commission and liaison for this project.

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 Lafayette Senior Services Commission is a 7-member volunteer board appointed by City Council. Its mission is as follows: Identify those unique needs of the city's residents aged 60 or over which might be met, in whole or in part, by the city, and to make reports and recommendations, from time to time, to the city council concerning appropriate action the city might take with respect to such needs. Specifically, and without limitation, the commission shall:(a) Identify the needs of the aging in the community and create a citizen awareness of these needs; (b) Encourage the improvement of standards of public and private services to the aging and the coordination among organizations providing these services by offering advice and assistance thereto; collect, maintain and interpret information and statistics on the aging for the use of citizens and organizations in the city; encourage the preparation of publications and the distribution of studies and research pertaining to the aging; (c) Advise the city council on all matters affecting the aging in the community; (d) Render advice and assistance to other city commissions, to the city staff and to private agencies on matters affecting the aging; (e) Support and work with Lafayette Senior Services Center coordinator to develop programs which will make the center a highly visible facility where seniors can obtain information, services and opportunities for education and socializing; (f) Promote and support the senior transportation program and the senior housing program; (g) Liaise with local, county, and regional forums and organizations which address topics of interest to seniors. Through Lafayette Senior Services: Recreational, educational and social programs: Classes on technology, cooking, memoir-writing, driver safety. Interest groups: hiking, ballroom dancing, bird-watching, dining, walking, local theater, discussion groups, book clubs. Presentations on opera, physical therapy topics and numerous varied one-time presentations. Services: Lamorinda Spirit Van: a door-through-door senior para-transit program; Resource center for older adult-related needs; Medicare counseling; Hearing screening; Peer counseling. Community groups, services and programs for older adults: Lamorinda Village, Lamorinda Movers, Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging, Lafayette Library and Learning Center, SIRS, Rotary, Acalanes Adult Education, OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute, day programs for the memory-impaired.

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

The older adults of Lafayette will be involved and engaged from inception through completion in this process of becoming an Age-Friendly Community. They will participate in conducting surveys, focus groups, town hall-style discussions and stakeholder interviews.

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 age-friendly, action-oriented plan will be the mechanism that will facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments. The Commission is dedicated to developing this plan, based on the eight domains, that will inventory community resources such as community groups, the City's numerous commissions, the various departments within the City, civic and faith-based organizations, Lamorinda Village, City staff members, etc.; identify potential areas of need and/or growth; and identify action-oriented goals.

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?

Lafayette will be the first, or one of the first, Age-Friendly Communities in Contra Costa County. As a leader and an example of a small, limited-services city with such a plan, we would be eager to consult with other communities considering becoming an Age-Friendly Community. Ours will be a volunteer-driven process, as City commissioners, the Mayor and Councilmembers are all volunteers.

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 Lafayette is motivated to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities for many reasons including the recognition that our aging population is growing in number; the desire to create an action plan; the direction AARP provides with regard to the eight domains; the desire to improve our AARP Livability Index score; the excellent framework already in place with AARP; and the benefits of membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) 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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