



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

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 1/22/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Long Beach

STATE: California

POPULATION SIZE: 470,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 9.5

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Robert Garcia

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

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:

Kelly Colopy is the Director of the Health & Human Services Department. Under her director, the department will soon have an Office of Aging with one full-time employee devoted to issues of aging populations and older adults in Long Beach.

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.

In collaboration with community members, the Department of Health & Human Services published a Strategic Plan for Older Adults in 2016. The plan lays out ways the City of Long Beach hopes to begin addressing the needs of the aging population in the city, around issues related to safety, transportation, housing, health, and quality of life. The City's Senior Citizens Advisory Commission provides a venue for public input and advice for policymakers. We have a FUSE Fellow and one year of funding for an Office of Aging Coordinator, both centered on leveraging City resources for seniors.

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

The Department of Health & Human Services will work with stakeholders to identify various initiatives the City should undertake to address issues facing older adults in Long Beach. Community input and involvement in that initial research stage is critical, and it would help identify goals for becoming more age-friendly. Input and Feedback from Older Adults will be gathered throughout all phases of the age-friendly process

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 Department of Health & Human Services will work closely with staff in the Parks & Recreation Department and the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Community members can play an active role in commission discussions, and commissioners can be included in conversations with City staff.

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?

The City of Long Beach is the 2nd largest city in Los Angeles County and the 7th largest in California. Roughly 25% of our city's population are adults ages 50 and over. Long Beach faces many challenges in addressing the needs of this diverse and growing demographic. Being a part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities can help bring focus to our efforts. And what we learn through the network can in turn help other cities provide more resources and a better quality of life for older adults.

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?

Over the next decades, the proportion of seniors living in Long Beach is expected to increase, with more and more individuals experiencing housing needs, disabilities, and employment scarcity. We want to join the network to ensure that as a City, we are able to tackle these challenges and address the needs of our growing older populations.

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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