



## Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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](mailto:livable@aarp.org)
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** County of Alameda

**STATE:** California

**POPULATION SIZE:** 1.67 million

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 20%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Richard Valle, President, County of Alameda Board of Supervisors

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 1221 Oak Street, Suite 536, Oakland, CA 94612

### Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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:**

Provide staff support to the Alameda County Council for Age-Friendly Communities, a joint project of the Alameda County Social Services Agency and Health Care Services Agency. The Council, which includes a wide range of government and nonprofit entities, will develop the County's age-friendly plan and oversee its implementation. Staff also serves as a liaison to the County Advisory Commission on Aging, which works with our Area Agency on Aging and will be involved in our age-friendly effort.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the [AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter](#), which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit [AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe](http://AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe).

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**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 County of Alameda government contains a number of units dedicated to better understanding the needs of older adults and serving their needs, including: the Social Services Agency's (SSA) Department of Adult and Aging Services as well as the local Area Agency on Aging, housed within SSA; an Older Adults Workgroup convened by the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA); our Advisory Commission on Aging; and the Council for Age-Friendly Communities. Four cities within the County have already embarked on their own age-friendly initiatives, including the Cities of Fremont, Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville. Our Age-Friendly County effort intends to support work at the city level, imbue the County's operations with age-friendly policies, help inform Countywide efforts related to older adults, and provide support and capacity building to nonprofits.

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

The voice of older adults will be heard through direct efforts of the Age Friendly Council, such as in surveys and focus groups carried out in partnership with our Area Agency on Aging and through collaboration with our Advisory Commission on Aging.

**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 Council for Age Friendly Communities has been meeting monthly since August 2017 and brings together more than 20 public and private entities. Our age-friendly county effort will be overseen by the Council's Age-Friendly Committee, chaired by Karen Grimsich of the City of Fremont, recognized as an international leader in the age-friendly movement.

**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 States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?**

We hope we can share freely any tools or best practices we develop. We participate in regional efforts, such as a group of Adult & Aging Services Departments in the nine-county Bay Area region and hope to contribute by sharing resources with that group as well.

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

We have largely been inspired by efforts within our County at the city level.

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**6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours:**

