



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**

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Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 8/19/2019

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Temple City

STATE: California

POPULATION SIZE: 35,558

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 21%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Nanette Fish, Mayor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780

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:

Steve Lawson is the Parks & Recreation Manager for the City of Temple City. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Recreation, Human Services, Park Maintenance and Urban Forestry Divisions of the Temple City Parks & Recreation Department. He has over 20 years of experience working in the parks & recreation field, including 7 years directly managing a Senior Center. He was the project manager for the Temple City Senior Master Plan project and is the staff liaison for the newly formed Committee on Aging in Temple City.

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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 Temple City, City Council approved and adopted the Temple City Senior Master Plan on April 17, 2018. The 111- page document, which was developed by a Committee comprised of 14 Temple City residents and stakeholders, includes 24 action steps to implement to help make Temple City an “age-friendly city.” The Temple City Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the implementation of said action steps as well as offering senior services citywide. Current programs and services provided include a daily lunch program administered by the YWCA; excursions; monthly health and wellness seminars; an annual health fair; senior soccer program; classes and activities for socialization; and occasional special events. Transportation services are offered via a low cost Dial-A-Ride Program.

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

With adoption of the Temple City Senior Master Plan, a Committee on Aging (CoA) was created. The CoA was established for the following reasons: 1) To assist the Parks & Recreation Department with the implementation of the Temple City Senior Master Plan; 2) To advise and assist Parks & Recreation staff regarding activities, programs and services for seniors; 3) To inform the Parks & Recreation Commission and the City Council about programs and services benefiting seniors; 4) To evaluate existing senior programs and services annually; and 5) To advocate for legislative issues that affect the lives of older adults and to disseminate information that will enable seniors to participate actively in the democratic process. The CoA consists of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council and membership is drawn from community members, professionals in the field of aging, non-profit leaders, faith-based representatives, program participants, and persons representing the business community. The CoA meetings are open to the public and are held quarterly (January, April, July, October) on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Temple City. Special meetings may be scheduled at other times as required.

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.

Temple City currently has a 15,000 sq. ft. Community Center that is utilized for many of our senior activities and the Parks & Recreation Department has staff who are dedicated to managing programs and activities for seniors. The City is constantly looking for grants and alternative funding that can expand, improve and/or add facilities to accommodate the increase in the aging adult population and improve areas that are commonly identified in the newly approved and adopted Temple City General Plan; Temple City Parks & Open Space Master Plan; and the Temple City Senior Master Plan. In addition, some of the action steps listed within the Temple City Senior Master Plan require collaboration with the following: 1) local school districts to develop intergenerational programs and services (i.e., high school students assisting seniors with technology); 2) Non-profit, medical, and/or other community organizations to provide more assistance to seniors; and 3) partnering with other government agencies to better educate and protect the seniors (i.e., working with local community colleges to provide senior-related classes and working with the Sheriff's Department to conduct safety seminars).

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?

With modern medical advances, people are currently living longer than in previous centuries. Sooner rather than later, all cities and communities will need to seriously consider how to provide the services and infrastructure necessary to accommodate the quickly increasing senior population. By taking the initiative to create a Senior Master Plan, the City of Temple City now has a solid blueprint to ensure our present and future senior-populations are taking care of. We hope our most valuable contribution is to lead by example and provide an age-friendly community to those who need and want it.

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?

According to the data used to create the Temple City Senior Master Plan (2010 Census), Temple City's total population is 35,558, of which 7,504 (or 21.1%), are above the age of 60. This percentage is higher than both Los Angeles County (16.8%) and the State of California (17.8%). Further information collected during the recent Temple City Parks and Open Space Master Plan shows that the percentage of adults 55+ will reach 38% by 2027. This information became motivational factors for the City to become a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and a member of the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities to help us meet the needs of our current and future senior populations.

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:

Our City logo is attached to this email.

