



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

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 9/23/2019**

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Tacoma**

**STATE: Washington**

**POPULATION SIZE: 216,000**

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 18.7% (2018 ACS estimates)**

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Victoria Woodards**

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 747 Market Street, Room 1200, Tacoma WA, 98402**

### 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.

[Redacted contact information]

**Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:**

Tadd oversees the policy staff and is the person designated by the City Manager to carry out this initiative for Council. During outreach for our strategic plan or conversations about policy development Tadd will be in a place to ask if proper outreach and consideration of these populations has been done by administrative and policy staff.

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 City of Tacoma plans to incorporate older populations into its planning directly through the strategic planning process. The 2025 strategic plan was created by our community, and guides our work and sets measurable goals. This plan guides our policies and programs, and decides where our limited funding goes by identifying priorities. The City currently has many programs managed through these priorities that are also a benefit to older populations such as Safe Routes to Schools which builds sidewalks and safety measures that help students walk to school safely. The City also has a community engagement coordinator who will incorporate these populations into the outreach we are currently doing by convening stakeholders to advise our policies and outreach strategies with aging populations. In the next update to the strategic plan our stakeholders and additional outreach will allow us to create new measures to hold ourselves to related to an aging population that will demonstrate our success, and help us make all of our policies more age friendly.

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

As a part of the strategic plan update, older populations will be a specific target of outreach and feedback that will lead to measures and programs targeted at these populations. This longer term strategy will be combined with short-term strategies to incorporate older populations into current outreach. The City has a community engagement coordinator who will incorporate older populations into the City-wide best practices for engagement. In the short term we will engage these populations directly where they are at to develop a baseline of age-friendliness and convene stakeholders to advise us as we develop these engagement practices. This will help to have a better engagement strategy when we go out for the strategic plan update so we can directly engage these populations and develop specific measures.

**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 City of Tacoma coordinates all work through the strategic plan which guides internal department work, and work with agency partners. The City has a positive record of working collaboratively with many partners to create the best outcomes for residents. Through these collaborative relationships we will work with county-wide aging and disability organizations to convene stakeholders to advise us as we gather information and feedback from an aging population.

**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?**

Tacoma strives to be a national example of how communities are engaged from youth to retirement. By incorporating age-friendly principals into our planning and engagement we will be able to create stronger strategies with better outcomes that can be replicated by other communities.

**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?**

When organizations would do outreach in Tacoma, Council Members would ask if they did outreach to the older populations in nursing homes or nearby communities, and often the answer was that the agencies had not thought of those populations. That neglect combined with lived experience of being a part of this “invisible” population led the Mayor and Council to pass a resolution supporting these principals in our engagement efforts as a City.

**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:**

*Logo is attached.*

