



## 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:** January 25, 2020

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** City of El Segundo

**STATE:** California

**POPULATION SIZE:** 16,718

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 15%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Drew Boyles, Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

### 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.

NAME OF CONTACT:

PHONE NUMBER (Area Code, City, State):

WORKING TITLE:

ORGANIZATION:

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

Meredith Petit, Director of Recreation and Parks, has been tasked by the City Manager to lead the team of City employees responsible for assessing how well El Segundo currently meets the needs of our community members ages 60 and older and to introduce and implement new policies, programs and procedures to make El Segundo a more livable community for this demographic.

The team of employees represents various City departments, including Recreation and Parks, Fire, Police and the Library. In assessing how well El Segundo meets the needs of our older adults, the team will consider AARP's 8 Domains of Livability; Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information, and Community and Health Services. It is a priority of Mayor Drew Boyles for El Segundo to become an AARP recognized age-friendly community.

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.**

El Segundo's current policies, programs, services targeted towards older adults that speak to the eight domains of livability include examples such as:  
**Policies:** Senior Living Facility (Park Vista) - Must be 62 years or older to be a resident of Park Vista. Must be a resident of El Segundo. Maximum allowable income includes for one-person household 5% of an applicant's net worth plus annual income not to exceed \$35K; two-person occupancy is 5% and income not to exceed \$45K. Persons meeting the requirements are placed on a wait list according to application submittal date.  
**Programs:** A few examples of volunteer opportunities include ESVPD volunteer community watch team through the Police Department, Friends of the Library and the History Committee. Wellness programs include Elderfest, chair yoga/meditation, water aerobics, balance and nutrition classes. Social activities include movies, hobby clubs, crafts and outdoor activities as well as field trips to local museums and attractions, and a travel club to name a few. The City also awards annually a Older Person of the Year recognition.  
**Services:** Transportation (Dial-A-Ride, Dr. Dial-A-Ride, Meals on Wheels, Saturday shopping trips); blood pressure screening through the Fire Department. METRO transit TAP cards issued at Senior Center for convenience.  
Becoming more age-friendly will require various community conversations involving older adults and stakeholders, assessing where we are at, and taking what we learn to make enhancements or adjustments to the City's existing policies, programs and services to better meet the needs of our older adult population.

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

The Age-Friendly Initiative team will host a series of community conversations to gain feedback as to what current policies, programs and services are working at best meeting the needs of our older adults; what policies, programs and services need revising; and what new policies, programs and services need to be introduced to address any gaps. Once determined, we will invite older adult representatives from the community to join the age-friendly initiative employee team to move forward in planning and implementing our strategies in becoming a more age-friendly city through our policies, programs, and services.

**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 Initiative team is made up of various City departments, including Recreation and Parks, Fire, Police, and the Library. Together we are leading El Segundo in the efforts of becoming an AARP Age-Friendly Designation city. We also are reaching out to neighboring Hermosa Beach to learn more from their experiences in becoming Age-Friendly as we work through the process. Once we have determined the areas of focus, we will then have a better understanding of what additional agencies to partner with.



**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?**

El Segundo hopes to become a part of AARP's valuable network and to be a part of a larger team who shares the same interests, ideas and goals in caring for the well-being of our population 60 years and older. El Segundo is a small coastal community within Los Angeles County and is also one of sixteen cities that that make up the South Bay Cities Council of Governments who work together to maximize the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region. Hermosa Beach is currently the only one of sixteen South Bay cities with AARP's Age-Friendly status. By joining Hermosa Beach in becoming a livable community for people 60 years and older, we hope to support each other and lead by example in encouraging others to commit to better meeting the needs of our older generation.

**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?**

While El Segundo continues to attract new generations of residents and businesses, the community also is home to a significant number of older adults who have raised their children and grandchildren in town, too. We recognize the valuable traditions and contributions of our older adults that have played a key role in the community's history and have helped to make El Segundo what it is today. It is important to be mindful that their well-being is cared for.

**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:**

Please see attached El Segundo City Seal.

