



State: Florida
Community Name: City of Doral
Population Size: 70420
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 7
Community Structure: City
Other:
Community Type: Urban, Mixed, Suburban (offices, apartments and shops)
Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment
Name: Juan Carlos Bermudez
Title: Mayor
Office Mailing Address: 8401 NW 53 Terrace Doral, FL 33166

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[Redacted] is the City of Doral's Parks and Recreation Special Needs Coordinator. He oversees all senior and special needs programming. With his experience in recreation and working with our older adult population, he will be at the forefront of spearheading this project. He will coordinate with our active older adult population, different organizations and other City of Doral departments in planning and organizing what programs and services our older adult population might need. He has a great personal and working relationship with our older adult population as he has been working with the older adult population for over 4 years.

Older Adult Involvement: Our older adult population is very involved in our community. Many of them desire to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. They are a great resource for new ideas on ways in which to serve their population. We will tap into the knowledge and skills they have and use it to its fullest potential. We will conduct customized surveys to provide us information current and potential to see what older adults need and want. It is important to understand what they think and engage them in developing solutions. Engaging older adults is very important because older

adults know best about their own needs and challenges confronted daily. Older adults' involvement not only helps in the decision-making process, but also allows them to contribute to society, stay socially engaged, and work toward the benefit of their own communities and lives. Older adults should be active participants in the execution and development process. Advocacy is an important approach to attain the goal of producing age-friendly communities. In order to address the existing challenges that prevent older adults from maintaining a good quality of life, there needs to be an active and ongoing existence of older adult advocates on key advisory boards and committees within the community in order to produce the necessary policies to guarantee that senior living laws and regulations meet the needs of the aging population. We are also hopeful that our ample representation will allow for easy recruitment of additional members of the livable community effort.

**Increasing
Collaboration and
Coordination:**

The City of Doral will increase collaboration by engaging our business leaders, older adults, young adults, and other change agents within our community. The goal here to is establish connections at the community-level and gaining the buy-in from individuals and groups that will engage citizens to participate. We have recognized that creating an age friendly community is a long-term process and entails building solid partnerships within the community and that these partnerships can be challenging. We will focus on teamwork and inclusion. The City of Doral prides itself on creating coordination among relevant community agencies, departments and organizations. Due to the challenges of working with different groups/agencies and differing viewpoints, we look forward to the collaboration among both public and private sectors thus we will open up participation for organizations including, but not limited to, health care providers, churches, schools, youth organizations, and not for profit agencies. We are committed to guaranteeing that our age friendly efforts will help others to identify the continually developing needs of our aging community and that through these efforts, several generations can work together to meet the needs of our older adult citizens. We look forward to improving upon our already livable and great community by creating an even healthier, cleaner, and more welcoming community for all ages. To help generate and continue sustainability, we will make sure that the City of Doral and the relevant agencies and organizations, embed age friendly efforts in their organizational culture. We believe that as a City we will help to ensure a collaborative planning process and shared responsibility for moving these efforts along into the future.

**AARP Team
Member Contact
Info:**

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**Most Instructive
Area of Work:**

The aspects of our community's current and intended age-friendly work that could be useful to other communities in the network and our community would be numerous. For one, our cross collaboration and partnerships with other agencies and

organizations to promote the initiative of becoming an age-friendly community. Additionally, as we learn and create successful practices in many areas such as, anticipating aging-related needs and preferences; respecting older adult's decisions and lifestyle choices; reducing inequities; protecting those who are most vulnerable; and promoting older people's inclusion in and contribute to all areas of community life; we will contribute by sharing policy, practices and programs with the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

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