

State: Florida

Community Name: City of Hialeah

Population Size: 234000

Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 20

Community Structure: City

Other:

Community Type: Urban

Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment Name: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED]

Office Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Community Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Position: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Role: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] plays a crucial role in ensuring that the needs of our older population is met, through securing funding for programs and events by our city, and looking for opportunities that would improve a variety of aspects of life for the older residents of our city, from accessibility to community engagement. [REDACTED] has expressed an interest in joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities in the past, and will play an important role in ensuring the city's continued success in its commitment and dedication to its older population.

Older Adult Involvement:

Older adults will play an important role in improving the age-friendliness of our communities. Outreach will be critical in ensuring the success of our programs, as it will improve the engagement between the community, the city, local non-profits and businesses, and our local population. Primarily, Communication between elected officials and older residents is crucial. Councilmembers and their aides play an important role in communicating with older residents, to provide them information regarding services, and to listen to their feedback regarding

potential improvements to the city's accessibility and age-friendliness. This existing channel of communication between our municipality and older residents will be key in our age-friendly initiatives. Channel 77, our municipal TV channel, will play an important role in getting the word out about our plans to improve the communities, and future events and programs. We will try to focus on different areas to make the City of Hialeah more age friendly. These areas include increased outdoor spaces and buildings, housing, transportation options such as Freebee, a rideshare app that will provide free transit, social participation during COVID, through various virtual programmings, respect and inclusion in all levels of city life, from our businesses to our local government, civic participation, which would include Spanish-language outreach as our older population consists mainly of native Spanish speakers, and employment opportunities for older unemployed adults, particularly those who have experienced job displacement as a result of the pandemic. Older people will be intimately involved in any city efforts to improve our age friendliness.

**Increasing
Collaboration
and
Coordination:**

Any effort to improve the age-friendliness of our community will naturally require co-operation among all relevant departments in the City. Through increased funding and support for programs that target older adults, departments such as our Public Libraries and Parks and Recreation may be able to jointly provide opportunities for activities to the benefit of our older population. With added support, existing programs may be the subject of new collaborations, and agencies may work together to improve outreach to older communities. One example of increased collaboration may be the utilization of our communications department to promote programs throughout the City. Existing city programs such as Channel 77 may be used in this effort, as they have been in the past, to increase participation in events for our older population, and to bring awareness to opportunities and programs that may serve to benefits older adults throughout the city. Non-profit organizations within the city, such as the Hialeah Community Coalition and various clinics which provide crucial services to our seniors may also be integral in our outreach and work in improving age-friendliness. Non-profits such as the Hialeah Community Coalition may work to extend outreach to businesses in the area, in order to improve accessibility and to provide opportunities for adult programs that extend beyond those provided by the municipality. Clinics, such as Pasteur and La Colonia found within our city, play an important role in the lives of many of our older adults, and including and co-operating with them in efforts to improve age-friendliness will help ensure the success of our efforts.

**AARP Team
Member Contact
Info:**

Most Instructive Area of Work: As a result of our large senior population, with over 20.4% of our city's population being over the age of 60, our city has always applied and recognized age friendly initiatives. This has been a priority of multiple administrations throughout the history of our city, and a core aspect of the municipality's mission in delivering results to residents. We believe that this is the year to officially recognize this commitment and success in delivering results for our older population, and to join a network of communities with similar mindsets and dedication to delivering results for their older residents.

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