



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 15, 2022  
**TO:** Adam Politzer, Interim City Manager  
**FROM:** Rebecca Sermenio, Interim Community Services Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Report To The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville For Recommendations Made By The Commission on Aging To Accept The Age Friendly Communities Action Plan For Consideration As A Source Document For Community Improvements**

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council receive this report from the Commission on Aging as a Source Document for community improvements as outlined in the Age Friendly Emeryville 2022 Action Plan ("Action Plan").

### BACKGROUND

In 2018, the City of Emeryville joined and became a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Membership serves as a catalyst to educate and encourage local leaders and residents to implement changes that make communities more livable for people of all ages, especially older adults. Becoming an Age-Friendly City is a commitment that Emeryville's elected leadership made to actively work with residents and local advocates to make our city an age-friendly place to live. Communities enrolled in the program are committed to a five-year cycle of continuous improvement.

Under the direction and guidance of the city's Commission on Aging and the Community Services Department, a survey was developed, modeled after the AARP's Livability Survey. Emeryville's survey measured the attitudes and beliefs of City residents, with the focus on the elderly population, to obtain a wide-ranging and inclusive understanding of the community perspectives on important issues. The City of Emeryville will use this Action Plan as a source document to guide our progress towards an Age-Friendly Community for all residents.

### DISCUSSION

The Action Plan consists of six (6) domains of livability. These include Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation and Streets, Housing, Social Participation & Inclusion, Communication & Information, and Community Support & Health Services. Several key themes became important in identifying an Age-Friendly community including utilizing older adults as part of the solution, promoting positive perceptions of aging, celebrating cultural diversity and inclusion for all community members, and providing a variety of formats for access to information.

Current findings and steps for recommended improvements are outlined for each domain. See attached Action Plan for details.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact from reporting the recommendation to Council.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

The Commission on Aging is expected to recommend to City Council the acceptance of the Action Plan at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as a source document for community improvements and livability enhancements for aging in place.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that City Council receives this Action Plan for consideration as a source document.

**PREPARED BY:** Kim Burrowes, Community Services Department

## **APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Adam Politzer, Interim City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Age Friendly Action Plan