



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 19, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorize Staff To Enroll Emeryville In The American Association of Retired Person (AARP) Network Of Age-Friendly Communities

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville allow staff to work with the Commission on Aging to begin the process of enrolling Emeryville in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and authorize the Mayor of Emeryville to sign a letter of commitment for the application.

### BACKGROUND

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities encourages states, cities, towns and counties to prepare for the rapid aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults. Age-friendly or livable communities have walkable streets, housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities.

To enroll, Emeryville is required to submit a membership application, as well as a letter of commitment, which must be signed by the mayor. Once Emeryville is enrolled, there are planning, implementation, and evaluation phases of the program that may require additional Council Actions.

### STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Staff has had conversations at the Commission on Aging (COA) meeting regarding this matter.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Emeryville in enrolling in this program, as the initial phase will rely on volunteer efforts. However, implementation of the program is a multi-year process that may involve expenses and City staff resources that are unknown at this time. The City's continued participation will depend on availability of resources required for full implementation.

## **ADVISORY BODY RECOMMENDATION**

The Emeryville Commission on Aging is expected to recommend that the City of Emeryville enroll in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities at their scheduled meeting on September 13, 2017.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to work with the COA to enroll Emeryville in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of commitment to ensure our community has the infrastructure in place so all members of our community can age with dignity.

**PREPARED BY:** Brad Helfenberger, Recreation Manager

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



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Membership Form