



Commission on Aging

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JUNE 21, 2021**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA JOINS THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATES AND COMMUNITIES

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the State of California joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Aging provide feedback and receive the update on the State of California joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

BACKGROUND:

On Thursday, June 3, 2021, the AARP California Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities reported the State of California has become the eighth state in the nation to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, a commitment to make the state more livable for people of all ages and abilities.

This achievement is a result of the Governor's 2019 directive to convene a cabinet-level Work Group for Aging, as well as the Master Plan for Aging (Executive Order N-14-19). The Master Plan for Aging outlines five bold goals and twenty-three strategies to build a California for All Ages by 2030. Assembly Bill 1118 (Blanca Rubio, Chapter 820, Statutes of 2019) directed the Secretary of California's Health and Human Services Agency to consider applying on behalf of the state to join the age-friendly network as part of the Master Plan for Aging.

"California has the nation's largest and most diverse aging population. We must tap into those talents and address the critical needs, so all Californians can have healthy and happy older years – especially those at greater risk of isolation, abuse, or homelessness," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "We are committed to creating a California for all ages where everyone has the ability to live and thrive in the community they choose."

"California has launched a bold ten-year master plan for aging, as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build back better. This new plan provides an

inclusive and equitable framework for transforming aging in this state for individuals, families, and communities,” said Kim McCoy Wade, Director of the California Department of Aging. “We look forward to working with AARP to forge partnerships that will create change in every community.”

DISCUSSION:

AARP California, Associate State Director Rafi Nazarians, will provide an update on the AARP Network to support your efforts and advance the Golden States’ age-friendly efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation