



Commission on Aging

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 29, 2026**

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

SUBJECT: REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE APPROVED 2025 COMMISSION ON AGING WORK PLAN, DEVELOP THE 2026 WORK PLAN, AND COORDINATE WITH THE COMMISSION ON AGING CHAIR OR DESIGNEE TO SELECT A PRESENTATION DATE FOR THE SAFETY, WELLNESS AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

ISSUE:

Review the results of the approved 2025 Commission on Aging Work Plan, develop the 2026 Work Plan, and coordinate with the Commission on Aging Chair or designee to select a presentation date for the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Aging:

1. Review the 2025 Work Plan outcomes;
2. Develop the 2026 Work Plan; and,
3. Select a presentation date for the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee.

BACKGROUND:

To align with the City Charter and Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan, the City Manager's Office requires each board and commission to submit an Annual Work Plan for review and approval. On March 19, 2025, the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee approved the Commission on Aging 2025 Work Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The Commission on Aging is tasked with the following four powers/duties/functions, per Article VIII. – Appointive Boards and Commissions, Section 809 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

- (a) To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all matters pertaining to older

Americans and their needs;

- (b) To assemble information on problems and their solutions for older Americans through all available means including public hearings;
- (c) To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to senior citizens' service agencies on matters within its purview;
- (d) To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed programs for the elderly;
- (e) To carry out such studies as may be assigned to it by the City Council;
- (f) To, from time to time, report to the City Council its finding

The 2025 Work Plan objectives, goals and results for the Commission on Aging include:

- 1. Collaborate quarterly with senior centers and organizations serving seniors to develop workshops focused on affordable housing and home sharing programs. (In progress).**
- 2. Engage in biannual collaboration with senior centers and senior focused organizations to design workshops covering topics such as healthcare, dementia, caregiver support, and in-home assistance services. (In progress).**
- 3. Establish quarterly networking sessions with senior facilities to boost and enrich socialization prospects for seniors through inventive programming, special events, and informative presentations. (In progress).**
- 4. Collaborate with and endorse organizations such as Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful, along with various programs and innovations, to bolster senior safety, stimulate engagement, and gather informative content for seniors through presentations and workshops. (In progress).**
- 5. Commissioners will receive an annual sustainability report from the City's Sustainability Officer on the City best practices, and introduce information on energy-efficient products, community gardens and recycling programs. (In progress).**
- 6. Commissioners engaging with senior population at various events throughout Riverside to represent the Commission on Aging and introduce seniors on services offered regarding arts & culture and recreational programs at facilities, open space, walking and biking trails. (In progress).**

Develop the 2026 Work Plan:

Within this framework and to be aligned with multiple boards and commissions' working plans; Staff has created the attached 2026 Commission on Aging Work Plan draft. The Commission is asked to discuss and recommend topics of interest and propose areas of need for potential Commission focus.

Presentation to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee:

The Commission on Aging Chair or Designee will be scheduled to present the 2026 Work Plan draft to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee on either February 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. or March 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The presentation will take place at the Art Pick Council Chambers.

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Attachments:

1. COA 2026 Work Plan Draft
2. COA Work Plan Update Presentation