

AGENDA

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Rachel Owens Vice Chair

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. SCOPING SESSION

1.1 SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-28

ACTION:

Review goal areas of the Senior Services Strategic Plan Update for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23 and provide input on development of a new five-year Senior Services Strategic Plan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDIZED ITEMS

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2. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held July 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting, **Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9 a.m.,** Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine.

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Recording Secretary

SCOPING SESSION

ITEM 1.1 SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-28



REQUEST FOR SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 18, 2022

TITLE: SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-28

Director of Community Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Review goal areas of the Senior Services Strategic Plan Update for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23 and provide input on development of a new five-year Senior Services Strategic Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, the City Council adopted the Senior Services Strategic Plan Update (Plan Update) for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23 to guide the development, implementation, and delivery of City programs and services for Irvine seniors. The Plan Update (Attachment 1) identifies five goal areas: Education, Health and Recreation, Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors, Transportation, and Housing. The Plan Update will sunset on June 30, 2023.

In 2021, the state released the Master Plan for Aging for 2030 (Master Plan) that identifies strategies to address the needs of California's older adults. The Master Plan (Attachment 2) identifies five goal areas and over 100 initiatives for local implementation.

Building on the goals and strategies outlined in the Plan Update, and using the state's Master Plan as a blueprint for local implementation, the City is positioned to develop a new comprehensive five-year plan to address the needs of Irvine seniors.

ANALYSIS

The Plan Update established a framework to guide the development and implementation of tailored programs and services for Irvine seniors from FY 2018-19 through 2022-23. To develop the Plan Update, Community Services embarked on a public outreach effort that included five key stakeholder meetings and three community forums. Input was solicited on the Plan Update's five goal areas: Education, Health and Recreation, Housing, Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors, and Transportation. Information gathered from the community outreach campaign led to the development of target strategies, outlined in Table 1.

Table 1Senior Services Strategic Plan Update FY 2018-19 through 2022-23
Goals and Strategies

	Goals and Strategies				
Goal Area 1:	Education: Provide information on a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.				
Strategy 1	Enhance promotional strategies to increase awareness of educational programs and services.				
Strategy 2	Expand and enhance information and learning opportunities on issues important to seniors and their families.				
Goal Area 2:	Health and Recreation: Promote physical and social health for older adults through health and recreation activities.				
Strategy 1	Enhance marketing strategies to increase awareness of health and recreation programs.				
Strategy 2	Expand senior health and recreation program opportunities.				
Goal Area 3:	Housing: Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.				
Strategy 1	Promote safety measures and assistance services to support aging in place.				
Strategy 2	Provide information to seniors with housing needs.				
Goal Area 4:	Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors: Promote wellness, independence, and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.				
Strategy 1	Enhance systems to identify and serve the most vulnerable senior populations.				
Goal Area 5:	Transportation: Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.				
Strategy 1	Enhance outreach and education to support senior mobility.				
Strategy 2	Explore collaborative partnerships and innovative models to enhance access to transportation services.				

The Plan Update's five goal areas serve as a framework for a new public outreach effort to inform the development of a strategic plan for the next five-year period. The Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) is asked to consider the present goal areas, in comparison and as complement to, the state's Master Plan. Feedback from Senior Council will assist in development of the new five-year plan.

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The Senior Council will provide ongoing review and input during the development of the new Senior Services Strategic Plan. Ongoing monitoring and feedback will ensure the new plan is relevant and responds to community needs and changing environments.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Senior Council could choose to wait for the public outreach process to provide guidance on the development of a new Senior Services Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the development of a new Senior Services Strategic Plan has not been identified. Request for funding and consideration is anticipated to be presented to Finance Commission and City Council in early 2023.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Senior Services Strategic Plan Update for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23
- 2. California's Master Plan for Aging Five Bold Goals for 2030

Senior Services Strategic Plan Update

Fiscal Years 2018–19 through 2022–23



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Executive Summary









Purpose

The City of Irvine Community Services Department conducted a public outreach effort to update the Senior Services Strategic Plan (Senior Plan) for the next five years. The Senior Plan Update FY 2018–19 through FY 2022–23 (Plan Update) serves as a conduit for providing information and education about senior resources, and enhancing programs that meet the needs of seniors. The Plan Update identifies goals and strategies to guide the development, implementation, and delivery of City programs and services for Irvine seniors. The Irvine Senior Citizens Council serves as the oversight body for the Plan Update.

Methodology

The scope of this project was to develop a five-year update to the Senior Plan. In 2017, the Community Services Department completed a public outreach effort, which included five key stakeholder meetings and three community forums. Input was solicited on the Plan Update's five goal areas: Education; Health and Recreation; Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors; Transportation; and Housing.

Information gathered from the community outreach effort is reflected in the Plan Update and was reviewed and discussed with the Senior Citizens Council for input. More information on the community planning process can be found on Page 13.

Senior Plan Update

The Plan Update will guide the City from FY 2018–19 through FY 2022–23. It builds directly on the previous Senior Plan, and is the result of community input and feedback from the Senior Citizens Council.

The Plan Update goals and actions are:

- Education: Provide information and a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.
- Health and Recreation: Promote physical and social health for older adults through health and recreation activities.
- Housing: Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.
- Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors: Promote wellness, independence, and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.
- Transportation: Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.

Based upon the community input provided, nine strategies were identified to address these goals, as shown in Chart 1 (see Page 4). Additionally, recommended actions were developed to guide strategy implementation. A five-year implementation matrix, included as Appendix A, was also developed to meet the goals of the Plan Update, and will be reviewed bi-annually by the Senior Citizens Council.









Chart 1: Senior Plan Update Goals & Strategies | FY 2018–19 through FY 2022–23

GOAL AREA: Education

Provide information and a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.

Strategy: Enhanced Promotion

Enhance promotional strategies to increase awareness of educational programs and services.

Strategy: Enhanced Learning Opportunities

Expand and enhance information and learning opportunities on issues important to seniors and their families.

GOAL AREA: Health and Recreation

Promote physical and social health for older adults through health and recreation activities.

Strategy: Awareness of Health and Recreation Programs

Enhance marketing strategies to increase awareness of health and recreation programs.

Strategy: Recreation and Health Program Opportunities

Expand senior health and recreation program opportunities.

GOAL AREA: Housing

Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.

Strategy: Support for Aging in Place

Promote safety measures and assistance services to support aging in place.

Strategy: Information to Address Housing Needs

Provide information to seniors with housing needs.

GOAL AREA: Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors

Promote wellness, independence, and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.

Strategy: Identify and Serve Vulnerable Seniors

Enhance systems to identify and serve the most vulnerable senior populations.

GOAL AREA: Transportation

Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.

Strategy: Outreach and Education

Enhance outreach and education to support senior mobility.

Strategy: Enhanced Access

Explore collaborative partnerships and innovative models to enhance access to transportation services.

See Pages 36-45 for recommended actions to meet Plan Update goals and strategies.

Demographic Overview

Senior Population

Seniors are the fastest-growing age group nationally and in Orange County. The senior population is projected to nearly double by 2040, when almost one in four county residents will be 65 or older. Older adults are the only age group in the county projected to increase as a proportion of the population over the next several decades.¹

The City of Irvine has grown to an estimated population of more than 267,000 residents. In 2017, Irvine had the highest numerical increase of residents in the past one year for cities in California with populations less than 300,000.² The City of Irvine's population of individuals older than 55 was estimated at nearly 39,809 (18.7 percent of total population) in 2010,³ and approximately 48,614 (19.7 percent of the total population) in 2016.⁴

Irvine Senior Population	2010*	2012–16**
55-59	11,762	12,602
60-64	9,586	10,708
65-74	10,862	15,174
75-84	5,285	7,258
85 years and older	2,314	2,872
Total 55+	39,809	48,614

^{*2010} Census

Ethnic Diversity

Irvine's diversity is an important factor to consider when planning outreach and service efforts. More than 67 percent of the senior population in Irvine (60 years and older) identify as Caucasian, 27.7 percent identify as Asian, and 5.1 percent identify as other ethnicities (African American, American Indian, Pacific Islander, and Other Races).⁵ Almost 6 percent of seniors identify as Hispanic/Latino of any race. Not called out in the Census is the significant Iranian population that resides in Irvine.

Almost 48 percent of Irvine seniors 60 and older are foreign born, compared with 38.9 percent of the City's general population. Approximately 43.5 percent of seniors report they speak a language other than English at home, and 26.5 percent report they speak English less than "very well".



CHAMPION (Community Helpers Assisting Mature Persons in Our Neighborhood) volunteers provide companionship and social interaction to seniors.

^{**2012–16} American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Income, Education, and Employment

Annual household income for older adults (60+) in Irvine is \$107,648, well above the U.S. average of \$65,289. However, approximately 8.1 percent of senior Irvine residents (60+) live below the federal poverty level and 6 percent are estimated to live at 100 percent to 149 percent of the poverty level.⁷

Irvine's senior population is highly educated, with a high school graduation rate of 92.1 percent and a college graduation rate of 56.9 percent for residents aged 60 and older. In Irvine, 32.6 percent of seniors 60 and older are currently employed.8

Seniors and Family Status

For seniors 60 years and older residing in Irvine, 60.2 percent live with family (the majority as married couples), while approximately 37 percent report living alone. Another 3 percent live with nonrelatives. Almost 63 percent of Irvine seniors are married, 15.4 percent are widowed, and 21.7 percent are divorced, separated, or never married.⁹

Approximately 54.7 percent of Irvine's senior (60+) population is female, with 45.3 percent male.¹⁰ Nationally, for seniors aged 85 and older, women outnumber men by a ratio of almost two to one.¹¹

Health and Disability

Increasing age is a risk factor for many chronic conditions, and the majority of older adults in Orange County have at least one chronic medical condition. Chronic conditions such as hypertension affect as many as 50 percent of Orange County Medicare beneficiaries aged 65 and older, and diabetes affects approximately 26 percent. Nearly 12 percent of Orange County Medicare beneficiaries older than 65 were treated for Alzheimer's disease or dementia in 2014. Alzheimer's disease is now the third leading cause of death for Orange County adults 65 and older, and is the only leading cause of death that has been increasing in Orange County.12

Nearly 23 percent of Irvine seniors aged 60 and older report having one or more disabilities.¹³ Disability is defined as having difficulty with hearing, vision, cognition, ambulation, self-care, and/or independent living. The rate of disability increases with age and reflects the many health-related challenges that older adults face.

Key Achievements 2012–17

The success, lessons learned, and momentum created from efforts implemented under the Senior Plan 2012–17 provide the foundation for the Plan Update and associated target strategies. The most significant achievements under the Senior Plan 2012–17, organized by the five priority areas, include:

Education and Marketing

- Senior Services enhanced marketing efforts to raise awareness of its services and programs. Marketing activities included updates to the Senior Services website; greater use of social media; development of monthly calendars of senior center activities; and the redesign and expanded distribution of *Irvine Senior Connection*, a bimonthly senior center newsletter.
- Volunteer recruitment efforts were enhanced by marketing the City's senior volunteer opportunities through community agency partners and online volunteer match services. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2012–13, volunteer hours provided to support senior programs and clubs increased by approximately 26 percent, from approximately 37,500 hours to nearly 47,400 hours in FY 2016–17. Nearly 600 individuals volunteer each year, serving in a variety of

- roles such as senior lunch program assistants, Meals on Wheels drivers, fitness center attendants, English mentors, and drivers for medical appointments.
- Through new and expanded partnerships, the City enhanced services that inform seniors about financial and insurance matters. Council on Aging offered benefits enrollment clinics to help lower-income seniors find and apply for public benefit programs. The Council on Aging also offered Medicare open enrollment services to assist seniors in finding affordable health insurance options. Consumer Credit Counseling of Orange County provided individual consultations on budgeting, debt, and financial management issues. Other popular programs such as financial planning and estate planning courses continued to be offered throughout the plan period with more than 1,700 class participation visits.



Irvine Senior Services works collaboratively with five nonprofit senior clubs to enrich the City's program offerings for seniors. For more information on the nonprofit senior clubs, see Appendix A.

- New partnerships with health care professionals, hospitals, and community agencies were developed to offer a variety of health education presentations and lecture series on topics including chronic disease prevention and management, fall prevention, and memory health.
- New technology education programs were offered to help seniors develop proficiency in the use of computers and mobile devices. In 2014, Senior Services developed a partnership with a student group called the OC Coders to implement a technology tutoring program. High school students provided free one-on-one sessions to help seniors with laptop, smart phone, and tablet use. The program provided more than 1,600 tutoring sessions in English, Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin between 2014 and 2017.
- Technology classes were introduced at the senior centers in 2015 with more than 100 class meetings conducted in FY 2015–16 and 152 class meetings in FY 2016–17.
- Participation in English Mentoring classes, taught by volunteers, increased by 84 percent over five years, from 2,080 participant visits in FY 2012–13 to 3,825 participant visits in FY 2016–17.

Housing

The City's Keen Center for Senior Resources (Keen Center) provided more than 700 housing-related referrals annually to Irvine seniors. Housing information requests are typically related to affordable

- housing, in-home services, assisted living, and home safety improvement services.
- In 2015, Senior Services supported the Community Development Department in providing three community forums in multiple languages (English, Mandarin, and Korean) to raise awareness of affordable housing options available in the City.
- During the plan period, 11 new affordable rental properties with more than 1,000 units opened in Irvine, including an affordable senior rental community with 219 units. Planning of a 157-unit housing community for very-low and low-income seniors was also conducted.
- Partnerships were expanded and added to support housing goals. In FY 2015–16 and FY 2016–17, the Fair Housing Foundation provided free consultation services at Lakeview Senior Center to inform older adults about their housing rights and responsibilities as tenants and landlords.
- In 2012 and 2013, the City worked with the Orange County Fire Authority and community volunteers to install 240 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of senior mobile home community residents.
- Since 2015, Irvine Senior Services has been partnering with the City's Code Enforcement Division, the Orange County Fire Authority, and the Orange County Hoarding Task Force to help seniors with significant hoarding situations remain safe in their homes.

- The Senior Services Outreach program, with funding from the nonprofit organization Friends of Outreach, provided homebound seniors with home safety equipment such as Emergency Response Systems and grab bars to support independence and safety at home.
- In 2012, the Irvine Supportive Community collaborative was established to help seniors live healthy and independent lives in their own homes and neighborhoods. Led by Jewish Federation and Family Services and comprised of six community partners including the City of Irvine, the collaborative provides support services, activities, and linkages to resources for residents of two affordable senior housing communities in Irvine. In FY 2016–17, more than 16,000 contacts were provided to seniors through the Irvine Supportive Community collaborative.

Mental and Physical Health

■ The Keen Center, located at Lakeview Senior Center, offers support and assistance to seniors and their families coping with the physical, emotional, and practical challenges of aging. Trained staff and volunteers provide information, referrals, and linkages to support services and community resources. Over the fiveyear plan period, annual in-person and telephone consultations increased by 56 percent, from 7,239 contacts in FY 2012-13 to 11,429 in FY 2016–17. Nearly 47,000 contacts were conducted during the plan period.

- In 2012, Keen Center staff began conducting monthly outreach to senior housing locations to provide education and referral assistance in order to reach seniors who are unable to access services at the senior centers.
- The City's Senior Care Management program, partially funded by a federal grant, provides intensive in-home services to support independence, safety, and quality of life for homebound seniors with complex physical and psychosocial needs. Hours of care management support increased by more than 75 percent since FY 2012–13, from approximately 900 hours to approximately 1,580 hours in FY 2016–17.
- The Irvine Meals on Wheels program delivered more than 293,000 meals to homebound seniors over the five-year plan period. The annual number of home-delivered meals increased by more than 26 percent over the plan period from 54,950 to 69,400. The annual number of unduplicated participants increased by 58 percent from 152 in FY 2012–13 to 240 in FY 2016–17.



Irvine Meals on Wheels staff and volunteer help provide nutritious meals to homebound Irvine seniors.

- The number of meals served through the Senior Lunch program at Lakeview Senior Center increased by 31 percent, from 24,413 in FY 2012–13 to 32,034 meals in FY 2016–17. Approximately 136,000 meals were provided over the five-year plan period. The number of annual unduplicated participants increased by 34 percent, from 712 to 953 seniors.
- In 2014, the City began hosting a monthly food distribution program at Lakeview Senior Center offered by Community Action Partnership of Orange County. Approximately 300 seniors receive food boxes each month to increase their food security. Volunteers from the Irvine Latter-day Saints Church delivered the boxes to 100 homebound residents at two affordable senior housing communities.
- Since 2015, the City has collaborated with community partners to offer positive aging groups in multiple languages (English, Mandarin, and Farsi) to address topics such as depression, dementia, and communication.



A UC Irvine student provides free blood pressure screenings to Irvine seniors.

The City established new partnerships with local schools of nursing and pharmacy, and the Orange County Health Care Agency, to increase availability of health education, health screenings, and medication review services at Lakeview Senior Center.

Recreation and Leisure

- In February 2016, the City expanded its recreational and fitness programs with the opening of the City's third senior center, the Trabuco Center.
- During the plan period, the number of recreation and fitness classes and activities offered at the senior centers increased by more than 84 percent. In FY 2012–13, approximately 3,100 class sessions were provided with approximately 63,000 participation visits. In FY 2016–17, a total of more than 5,700 sessions were offered with approximately 95,000 participation visits.
- With the opening of the Trabuco Center in 2016, senior fitness center memberships for Rancho Senior Center and Trabuco Center were consolidated, allowing eligible members to use the fitness centers at both facilities. Over the plan period, fitness center memberships increased from 245 members with more than 11,100 annual visits to 612 memberships with more than 17,500 annual visits at both centers. Services at both fitness centers have been enhanced to include additional evening hours, one-on-one fitness coaching, and cardio/strength training classes.

- In response to community interests, the senior centers expanded music and art class offerings to include harmonica and ukulele lessons, music appreciation, floral design, and Chinese calligraphy. Cultural partner groups led several new classes, including guitar (Irvine Korean Evergreen Association) and chorus (Irvine Chinese Evergreen Senior Association).
- The City has held an annual Senior Fitness Expo at Rancho Senior Center since 2009, providing fitness demonstrations, health screenings, and health information to the community in a fun and festive setting.
- Senior Services partnered with several Irvine youth programs to offer intergenerational activities at the senior centers. Programs included: game day events with City of Irvine Middle School Youth Action Team participants; student musical showcases and socials; technology tutoring offered by high school students; student chess exhibitions; and an intergenerational life-review program with Creekside High School students.



City staff provides assistance to a fitness center participant.

Transportation

- The City's TRIPS program offers low-cost, accessible transportation to eligible Irvine seniors and adults with disabilities. During the plan period, the program provided more than 105,000 rides.
- The Nutrition Transportation program provides transportation to and from the senior lunch program at Lakeview Senior Center. Initiated in 2011 and funded through a federal grant, the program provides contracted shuttle services for senior residents of affordable senior housing locations and TRIPS passes to eligible seniors to attend the meal program. During the plan period, the annual number of rides provided increased by 138 percent, from 1,356 in FY 2012–13 to more than 3,200 rides in FY 2016–17.



TRIPS provides low-cost, wheelchair accessible transportation to Irvine seniors and adults with disabilities.

- The City's Senior Services Volunteer Transportation program provides rides to non-emergency medical appointments at no cost to Irvine seniors. Annual service numbers have almost doubled since FY 2012–13, from 308 rides to 596 rides in FY 2016–17. Over the five-year plan period, 28 City-trained volunteer drivers provided a total of 2,277 rides to Irvine seniors.
- The City's Senior Outreach program provides emergency taxi vouchers to seniors facing immediate and urgent transportation needs. This program is funded by Friends of Outreach, an Irvine-based nonprofit organization. A total of 1,040 taxi vouchers were provided over the five-year period.
- In 2016, Senior Services created a comprehensive transportation guide for seniors to increase awareness of local and regional transportation options. The user-friendly guide describes available transportation services including costs, registration requirements, and contact information, and is available as a brochure and online.
- In 2012, the City began conducting senior transit training excursions to destinations in Orange and Los Angeles counties to help seniors practice using public transportation while participating in fun, social activities. More than 280 seniors have participated in the program.

- The City's CarFit program uses trained volunteers to implement a screening tool developed by the Automobile Association of America, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association. It ensures older drivers "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. Since 2012, CarFit screening events have increased in frequency, and are provided in Mandarin as well as English. From FY 2012–13 through 2016–17, approximately 200 seniors have participated in the program offered at Lakeview Senior Center.
- Over the five-year plan period, more than 510 seniors participated in AARP Driver Safety courses offered at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers. In 2013, driver refresher courses were expanded to include classes in Mandarin in addition to the existing English classes. Several other educational lectures were offered for older drivers, including topics such as "Older and Wiser Driver" and "How do I Know if my Family Member is Safe to Drive?"



CarFit volunteers help seniors check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them.

Development of the Senior Plan Update

Key Stakeholder Meetings and Community Forums

The City conducted a public outreach effort consisting of key stakeholder meetings and community forums to gather community input for the Plan Update.

Five key stakeholder meetings were held with service providers and leaders in the senior community. Each meeting focused on one of the five priority areas, with participants invited based on their expertise in that area. Participants represented more than 34 community agencies, as listed in Appendix B. Meetings included a presentation on the 2012–17 Senior Plan strategies, key achievements accomplished during the plan period, local conditions and trends impacting seniors, and staff recommendations for goal and strategy updates for the next five years. Stakeholders were asked to provide input on continuing and emerging needs impacting seniors and possible strategies to meet identified needs.

Three community forums were held at the Irvine senior centers, with more than 65 participants. Information gathered from the key stakeholder meetings was presented. Community members were then asked to provide input on what they believe are the most important issues and service needs for seniors in Irvine related to the five priority areas.

Irvine Senior Citizens Council

During fall 2017, the Irvine Senior Citizens Council received presentations on each of the Plan Update priority areas. Information included a description of existing City programs and services; key achievements from the 2012–17 Plan period; and a summary of key stakeholder and community input.

The Irvine Senior Citizens Council reviewed and provided feedback regarding proposed goals, strategies, and recommended actions for inclusion in the Plan Update.



Irvine Senior Citizens Council Members 2018

Community Recommendations for Senior Plan Update

The implementation of the Senior Services Strategic Plan 2012–17 resulted in many successful programs, services, and collaborations as highlighted in the Key Achievements section. To ensure the City continues to proactively support its senior population, the Senior Citizens Council, key stakeholders, and community residents reviewed areas of need and provided feedback on service delivery approaches.



A nutrition volunteer helps prepare food for the Rose Garden Café.

Five goal areas were selected to be addressed through the Plan Update. The goal areas are listed alphabetically, as each area is important and will be addressed through the five-year implementation matrix.

The goal areas are the same as those included in the Senior Plan 2012–17, except where noted in parenthesis:

- Education
- Health and Recreation (replaces Recreation and Leisure and components of Mental and Physical Health)
- Housing
- Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors (replaces Mental and Physical Health)
- Transportation

The modified priority areas were updated to reflect the linkage between physical health, recreation, and fitness (Health and Recreation), and to provide a more specific focus on the area of social well-being, including mental health (Social Wellbeing and Vulnerable Seniors).

The following sections describe the goals, strategies, and recommended actions identified through the community input process for inclusion in the Plan Update.

Education

GOAL: Provide information and a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.

Under the previous five-year plan, the City enhanced educational programming for the senior community through partnerships and increased promotional efforts. Informative topics including health, technology, fraud prevention, English mentoring, and financial planning were presented to assist seniors with developing and maintaining skills to support successful aging. Lifelong learning also supports cognitive stimulation, social engagement, new learning, and personal development.

Educational programs and services of interest offered at Irvine senior centers are well-attended and in demand. Participants continue to request new offerings, which indicates that educational programming is important and should continue to be promoted in the Plan Update.

Raising awareness about senior resources and services is also an important part of the Plan Update and impacts all five goal areas.



Educational presentations on various topics of interest are offered to Irvine seniors.

Community Input

Through community and key stakeholder meetings, issues forming the basis of the Plan Update were identified and are summarized below.

Awareness and Participation

Stakeholder and community meeting participants identified the need for more effective communication with seniors to increase awareness of available educational programs and promote participation. Use of targeted email blasts, culturally specific media, and Irvine Cable Television were suggested. Tailoring messages to reach younger seniors and limited English speakers was recommended to encourage greater participation among these groups.

Participants discussed ways to improve engagement with seniors who may be reluctant to leave home or participate in unfamiliar activities. It was suggested to provide information and programs at senior housing and faith locations. By offering educational and informational sessions at multiple accessible sites, a greater number of individuals could be served.

Participants also suggested continuing to offer educational programs that are interactive and combined with fun activities to encourage greater participation. Fostering an environment at the senior centers that is inviting and comfortable for seniors to try new classes and activities was also noted as important.

Participation in educational programs is also impacted by lack of access to transportation. One community agency representative mentioned that as their program participants are growing older, these seniors need help finding transportation to attend their classes.

Language and Cultural Barriers

Language was cited as a barrier to participation for some seniors who have limited English proficiency or prefer to speak in their native languages. Offering educational programs in multiple languages was suggested, as well as providing educational materials that are easy to understand and use pictures and graphics to communicate information. Using multilingual volunteers to bring information to the community was suggested as a way to build trust and enhance participation for seniors from many cultures.

Participants requested additional English mentoring programs and citizenship testing preparation classes.

Educational Topics of Interest

Several educational topics of interest were identified and fell into three areas: health, technology, and financial.

Health topics of interest include: medication management; understanding medical plan options; communicating with health care providers; and understanding hospital discharge planning procedures and instructions. Participants also requested community education on dementia, as the condition is impacting a growing number of seniors and their families.

Technology topics of interest include: computer instruction to meet a range of skill levels; smart device training; and technology-related discussion groups.

Financial topics of interest include: identity theft self-protection; senior scam protection; and understanding reverse mortgages.



Irvine seniors stay current with the latest technology.

Strategies for Education

The following strategies and recommended actions are suggested to meet the education goal of providing information and a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.

Strategy 1: Enhanced Promotion

Enhance promotional strategies to increase awareness of educational programs and services.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Expand distribution of information through web-based media.
- b. Conduct targeted marketing strategies to engage various groups of seniors in educational programs (*i.e.*, younger seniors, lower-income, frail, limited English speaking).
- c. Increase accessibility of information at senior housing and faith locations.
- d. Continue to engage multilingual volunteers to bring information to the community.

Strategy 2: Enhanced Learning Opportunities

Expand and enhance information and learning opportunities on issues important to seniors and their families.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Continue to collaborate with community partners to enhance education on health, technology, and finance topics.
- b. Develop user-friendly educational materials on health, finance, and technology topics.

Health and Recreation

GOAL: Promote physical and social health through health and recreation activities.

The City of Irvine has a long history of delivering health and recreation activities for its senior population. Over the prior plan period, the City expanded health, fitness, and recreation opportunities for the senior community through the opening of the Trabuco Center and the expansion of fitness and enrichment class offerings. The congregate meal program at Lakeview Senior Center also grew, providing healthy eating and socialization opportunities to a greater number of seniors.

Benefits of an active lifestyle for seniors, including fitness and recreation opportunities, are well documented. Programs that provide socialization, intergenerational interaction, and creative expression are important to support healthy aging.

Increases in participation achieved during the five-year Senior Plan, along with the general projected growth of the Irvine senior population, indicate that the demand for programs and services will continue to grow. Presenting a range of recreational and health-related activities remains a focus under the Plan Update.



Zumba Gold participants enjoy an energizing dance workout to help improve balance, strength, and flexibility.

Community Input

Input regarding health and recreation services for seniors was provided by residents and senior services professionals during community and key stakeholder meetings, and is summarized as follows:

Targeted Programming

The importance of having the City offer recreation and fitness programs that are specifically designed to meet a range of skill and fitness levels across all age groups was discussed. It was also suggested that a greater variety of weekend and evening program options be scheduled to meet the needs of employed seniors. Meeting participants also recommended the City explore new ways to market programs to targeted audiences such as younger seniors, lower-income individuals, limited English-speaking seniors, and frail older adults.

The process of registering for City and community partner classes was mentioned as a challenge for some seniors. Lack of transportation for non-driving seniors to attend classes and activities was also described as a barrier to participation.

The importance of engaging seniors in volunteer opportunities to promote socialization and support senior clubs was discussed. It was suggested that volunteer participation might increase by providing incentives to volunteers based on service hours provided, and outreaching to recently retired individuals and to senior center participants.

Types of Programs

Health and Fitness

The desire for more senior fitness and sports-related activities such as pickleball, bocce ball, billiards, ping pong, and hiking excursions offered at various locations throughout the City was discussed.

It was also noted that keeping people motivated over time to stay fit and healthy is a challenge. Suggestions to help senior participants maintain motivation to remain physically active include offering fitness coaching and friendly competitions.

Participants noted the value of the senior lunch program as an important health and socialization opportunity. The desire for enhanced vegetarian menu options and culturally-themed entrees available through the program was mentioned.

Recreation and Social Programs

Meeting participants suggested that recreational class offerings be expanded to include additional sections for popular programs and new activities, such as square or folk dancing, gardening, and music appreciation classes and excursions to performing arts events.

Expanding programs that promote structured and unstructured socialization opportunities, such as meet-and-greet events that bring seniors of different cultures together, was recommended.

Facilities/Equipment

It was strongly noted that the Lakeview Senior Center is at capacity and additional space is needed in order to accommodate the rapidly growing number of senior participants. Community members identified the need for long-range planning and expansion of senior center facilities to meet program demand.

To meet the growing demand for recreation and leisure activities, meeting participants suggested providing senior programming at other City locations such as the Orange County Great Park, community parks, or open space areas. The community also requested increased availability of both indoor and outdoor fitness equipment, including adding fitness equipment at Lakeview Senior Center.

Providing infrastructure to expand technology-related activities was requested. Suggestions included implementation of a laptop computer lending library and making upgrades to existing equipment at the Lakeview computer lab.

Strategies for Health and Recreation

The following strategies and recommended actions are suggested to meet the health and recreation goal of promoting physical and social health for older adults through health and recreation activities.

Strategy 1: Awareness of Health and Recreation Programs

Enhance marketing strategies to increase awareness of health and recreation programs.

Recommended actions:

- a. Conduct targeted marketing strategies to reach different groups of seniors (*i.e.*, younger seniors, lower-income, frail, limited English speaking).
- b. Educate seniors on registration processes for senior activities offered by the City and community partners.



Senior Striders participants enjoy a morning walk along the Jeffrey Open Space Trail.

Strategy 2: Health and Recreation Program Opportunities

Expand senior health and recreation program opportunities.

Recommended actions:

- a. Explore options for additional activities on weekends, evenings, and at satellite locations.
- b. Pilot new outdoor sports activities.
- c. Expand social engagement opportunities, including activities that bring seniors of various cultural groups together.
- d. Explore new ways to recruit senior volunteers to promote socialization and support senior club activities.
- e. Pilot a laptop lending program for seniors.
- f. Explore model programs to help seniors sustain motivation to stay fit and healthy over time.
- g. Explore new vegetarian and culturally-themed menu options at the Lakeview Senior Center Rose Garden Café.
- h. Explore conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the demand for additional space for senior center programs.





Trabuco Center

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Housing

GOAL: Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.

The increasing need for affordable, physically accessible housing and resources to help seniors remain independent at home and maintain quality of life was identified under the previous five-year Senior Plan. During the plan period, the City enhanced partnerships with community agencies to support safety at home, continued to provide housing-related referrals to assist seniors in identifying housing options, and expanded the number of affordable housing units available to senior residents.

Housing is typically the largest expenditure in a household budget for seniors 60 and older. The majority of senior renters in Irvine (55 percent) pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent, and approximately 31.4 percent of Irvine senior homeowners also spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Almost one-third of Irvine seniors are renters.¹⁴

In Irvine, the median value of a home is \$806,000 compared to \$477,500 for California,¹⁵ and the median rent is \$2,243 compared with \$1,375 for California.¹⁶ Rising housing costs can impact the ability of older adults to age in place, especially those living on fixed incomes.

In addition to cost, housing safety and access to adequate resources and supports are factors for aging in place. Risks are heightened when seniors' homes are not updated to accommodate age-related changing needs. This is especially important given one in four older adults falls each year, a leading cause for serious injury and death.¹⁷ Half of these falls occur at home.¹⁸

Housing stability and safety impacts the overall well-being of seniors, including one's physical and mental health, and continues to be a priority of the Plan Update.



The City provides resources to help seniors with home modifications to support aging in place.

Community Input

Through community and key stakeholder meetings, issues forming the basis of the Plan Update were identified and are summarized below.

Aging in Place

Supporting seniors in remaining safe and independent in their homes continues to be an important aspect of the plan. To help seniors age in place, community and stakeholder meeting participants suggested: conducting a widespread fall prevention education campaign in coordination with community partners; informing seniors of affordable home modification and repair measures and services; and providing seniors with examples of universal design concepts that increase accessibility and safety.

Meeting participants also recommended informing seniors and their families about new technology to support safety and independence such as in-home cameras, reminder systems, and smart phone applications.

Providing support services and transportation at senior housing locations was also discussed as an important way to help seniors remain in their homes.

Housing Transitions

Meeting participants discussed providing education to seniors and their families about the continuum of housing options available to meet their needs at various stages of life and how to manage housing transitions. Specifically, information could be provided on transitioning from independent to assisted living; downsizing strategies to address clutter and hoarding; and educating families on how to support seniors with housing decisions.

Affordable Housing

The availability of affordable housing remains a key concern for Irvine seniors. Meeting participants noted the challenges seniors on fixed incomes face trying to keep up with rent increases, as well as the long waitlists that exist to obtain affordable housing units. The need for affordable housing for special populations requiring higher levels of care (such as seniors with developmental disabilities and seniors with dementia) was also discussed.

It was also noted that many seniors have difficulty understanding affordable housing requirements and how to complete online housing applications. Expanding services that assist seniors in locating and applying for affordable housing was suggested as a way to help overcome these barriers.

Meeting participants discussed concerns about seniors who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to rent increases or the expiration of their affordable housing certificates. Ways to identify and assist at-risk seniors could be explored as part of the Plan Update. This may include working with site managers at affordable housing communities to identify and refer senior residents to social service agencies that could provide homeless prevention assistance.

Community input also included recommendations to work with housing development corporations to include universal design and accessibility concepts into new projects. It was also suggested that the City explore ways to work with developers to continue to support the creation of additional affordable housing for seniors.

Strategies for Housing

The strategies and recommended actions listed to the right address the housing goal of enhancing collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.



New technology helps seniors stay connected with the community and age safely in place.

Strategy 1: Support for Aging in Place

Promote safety measures and assistance services to support aging in place.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Foster partnerships between service providers and housing entities to better link seniors with needed services, including homeless prevention resources.
- b. Increase awareness of fall prevention measures, home modification strategies, and universal design principles.
- c. Disseminate information about home-based technology applications to support independent living.

Strategy 2: Information to Address Housing Needs

Provide information to seniors with housing needs.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Provide education to seniors and families about housing transitions.
- b. Increase services to help seniors complete affordable housing applications.
- c. Continue to inform the senior community of affordable housing openings as they occur.

Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors

GOAL: Promote wellness, independence, and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.

Addressing the needs of vulnerable seniors is a priority of the City of Irvine. The City has been responsive to the changing needs of seniors and has enhanced services to assist those experiencing isolation, financial hardship, and physical or mental health challenges.

Guided by the Senior Plan 2012–17, the City expanded outreach into the community to places older adults live and frequent, built community partnerships to address food insecurity and mental health concerns, and enhanced capacity to reach limited English-speaking seniors. Over the plan period, service levels increased in care management support and Keen Center consultations and resource referrals. The number of meals provided to homebound and vulnerable seniors also increased significantly.

Accessible and appropriate support is vital to healthy aging and should consider certain circumstances that impact the well-being of seniors. It is not uncommon for older adults to experience mental distress associated with a decrease in self-sufficiency, living with chronic illness, and/or experiencing grief following the loss of a loved one. In 2014, more than one in 10 Medicare beneficiaries 65 and older in Orange County was treated for depression. Countywide, elder abuse reports have increased by 56 percent since 2004, with most cases involving financial and/or psychological/mental abuse.¹⁹ Enhancing systems to identify and serve vulnerable older adults remain a priority for the Plan Update.

Community Input

Feedback and suggestions regarding assistance for vulnerable seniors to support social well-being were provided by community residents and senior services professionals during community and key stakeholder meetings, and are summarized as follows:

Enhanced Linkages to Resources

Community members and service providers noted that resources for seniors can be difficult to access by those in need. Many seniors are not aware of how to locate services offered by the extensive network of public and community-based organizations. To better reach the most vulnerable seniors, it was recommended that outreach be conducted through cultural and faith organizations, housing sites, and local media sources. Participants also expressed the need to provide families of seniors and the broader community with information on safety and support services for seniors.

Service providers discussed the need to improve coordination and information sharing among service agencies as a means to better serve seniors in need. One example could include creating systems for making direct referrals from physicians' offices to community agencies for effective linkage of seniors to services.

Support Services for Basic Needs

Key stakeholders indicated a rise in seniors experiencing poverty and unmet basic needs, including food and housing insecurity. Input included the need to strengthen support systems in order to identify seniors in need before a crisis occurs. This may include providing housing site managers and home owners associations with information on how to link seniors in need to food pantry and temporary housing services.

It was also noted that there is a growing number of seniors who need assistance in understanding basic paperwork and completing housing request forms, including online applications. Expanding services that provide assistance with forms and applications was recommended.



Mental Health Support

Meeting participants identified loneliness and social isolation as contributing to mental health challenges for seniors. Social isolation factors identified included the lack of transportation and limited family and social networks. Increasing volunteer support services such as friendly visitor and peer mentor programs, and expanding transportation options, were suggested to provide needed support to isolated, vulnerable seniors.

A recurring theme was the need to expand in-home care management and counseling services to serve seniors experiencing emotional health disorders, such as anxiety and depression. Addressing complex issues such as elder abuse, hoarding, dementia care, and support for veterans through targeted services was also discussed. Continued collaboration between Senior Services and the Irvine Police Department Mental Health Outreach program was recommended as well.

Language and Cultural Barriers

Participants recognized language and cultural barriers as a challenge to accessing services. Increasing outreach efforts that focus on building trust to engage limited Englishspeaking seniors was recommended. Suggestions included utilizing volunteers to provide information in various languages and help limited English-speaking seniors connect to services; and continuing to enhance home visitation programs provided by culturally-specific agencies.

Support Families and Caregivers

The needs of family members caring for older adults, as well as seniors caring for adult children with disabilities, were considered by participants. The needs identified included caregiver education and support, and affordable respite care services. Caregiver support could be enhanced through promoting affordable respite care models, expanding support group networks, and working with families to plan for future care needs.

Strategies for Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors

The following strategies and recommended actions are suggested to meet the social well-being goal of promoting wellness, independence, and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.



Strategy 1: Identify and Serve Vulnerable Seniors

Enhance systems to identify and serve the most vulnerable senior populations.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Increase public awareness about how to identify and assist vulnerable seniors.
- b. Explore ways to increase information sharing with community partner agencies, housing agencies/homeowners associations, and medical providers on support services and programs for vulnerable seniors.
- c. Expand education and support to family members of vulnerable seniors and seniors caring for adults with disabilities.
- d. Foster the development of services for isolated, limited English-speaking seniors.
- e. Continue to partner with organizations that provide in-home counseling and volunteer peer mentoring services.
- f. Explore ways to expand application assistance services for seniors.
- g. Continue collaboration with Irvine Police Department to assist at-risk seniors.
- h. Evaluate the nutrition program operations and explore options for meeting the increasing demand for services.

Transportation

GOAL: Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.

The transportation goal area encompasses strategies that support transportation accessibility and safety for senior residents. Guided by the previous Senior Plan, the City worked to expand the range of transportation options available to senior residents, increased opportunities for participation in driver safety and transit training programs, and undertook efforts to raise awareness about available transportation services. Demand for City senior transportation services including the volunteer driver program, Nutrition Transportation, and subsidized taxi vouchers increased.

Seniors learn how to ride the Metrolink before taking a trip to Angels stadium.

Transportation needs for seniors are expected to continue to increase as the population grows. With seniors outliving their ability to drive safely by an average of seven to 10 years,²⁰ a range of affordable alternatives to driving are needed to maintain independence and participation in community life. Non-driving seniors attend fewer medical appointments, shop less often, and reduce frequency of visits with family and friends compared to drivers of the same age.²¹

Seniors also represent the fastest-growing segment of drivers, according to Automobile Association of America Foundation for Traffic Safety. Projections indicate that 25 percent of all drivers will be older than 65 by 2025. With the growing number of non-driving and driving seniors, transportation accessibility, and driver and pedestrian safety remain important issues to address under the Plan Update.

Community Input

Through community and key stakeholder meetings, issues forming the basis of the Plan Update were identified and are summarized below.

Affordable and Accessible Transportation

Availability of affordable and accessible transportation options remain a community priority. Identified areas of need include: 1) additional weekend and evening hours; 2) more options for individuals who are temporarily unable to drive or who have driving limitations, such as not driving in the dark or on freeways; 3) additional transportation services to the senior centers; and 4) financial assistance for transportation services for lower income seniors.

Transportation for social and recreation activities was specifically emphasized as a growing area of need. Community and stakeholder meeting participants noted that reductions in county bus services near the Lakeview Senior Center and senior housing developments have made it more challenging for seniors to participate in available programs.

Providing additional shuttle services that are coordinated with senior housing communities was also suggested as a way to help seniors stay independent and active in the community.

Collaborations and Innovations

Meeting participants discussed exploring innovative ways to enhance transportation options for seniors, such as using smartphone transportation applications. Ideas for expanding heavily impacted senior volunteer driver programs were also discussed, such as identifying creative ways to recruit additional drivers and linking non-driving seniors with others who are going to the same activity or location.

Continued collaboration with county and nonprofit transportation providers was discussed as a way to improve the existing network of transportation services. Working with the county to address cost and service area limitations of the ACCESS program was specifically mentioned.



A senior participant takes the lunch shuttle to Lakeview Senior Center for a delicious hot lunch.

Safety and Transit Education

Providing educational programs for senior drivers and recent non-drivers continues to be an area of need identified by the community. Meeting participants suggested providing additional driver safety classes in multiple languages that include not only information on safe driving practices, but also discuss when to transition away from driving and alternative transportation options.

Meeting participants also noted that transit-related informational materials and training on how to access services could be further developed. Emphasis was placed on targeting information to seniors who are reluctant to use transportation services. This includes seniors with limited English proficiency that may face challenges connecting to transportation resources.

Pedestrian safety was also expressed as a concern. Crossing the street in the allotted signal time was mentioned as a challenge for some seniors. "Walkability" was noted as an issue to address, especially near senior housing locations and bus stops.



Volunteer drivers provide ride assistance to medical appointments.

Strategies for Transportation

The strategies and recommended actions listed below address the Transportation goal of supporting safe and accessible transportation for seniors. The recommended actions help to guide strategy implementation.

Strategy 1: Outreach and Education

Enhance outreach and education to support senior mobility.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Expand distribution of information on transportation services and include materials in multiple languages.
- b. Teach seniors how to use various transportation options including smartphone applications.
- c. Continue providing information on driver safety and transitioning away from driving.
- d. Provide pedestrian safety education.
- e. Promote transportation consultation services in multiple languages through the Keen Center for Senior Resources.

Strategy 2: Enhanced Access

Explore collaborative partnerships and innovative models to enhance access to transportation services.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Maximize use of transportation resources through continued coordination with public and community transportation providers.
- b. Explore opportunities to enhance volunteer-based transportation for medical appointments and social activities.
- c. Evaluate City senior transportation services for opportunities to increase efficiencies.

Conclusion

The Senior Services Strategic Plan was developed in 2012 based on extensive community participation and input. The plan identifies priority areas and strategies to guide service delivery for the Irvine senior population. It has resulted in the targeted use of resources to provide high-quality, relevant programs driven by the interests and needs of Irvine seniors.

In 2017, the City returned to the community to revisit the Senior Plan and receive recommendations for future plan implementation. The Plan Update reflects community feedback based on current and emerging issues faced by Irvine seniors.

The Senior Plan Update Implementation Matrix was created based on the plan strategies and recommended actions, and is intended to guide the City's work around Senior Services for FY 2018–19 through FY 2022–23. Review and evaluation of the Plan Update implementation and outcomes will be conducted by the Senior Citizens Council. Ongoing monitoring and feedback will ensure the Plan Update remains relevant to community needs and responsive to changing conditions.

For more information about the Plan Update, please contact the City of Irvine Community Service Department.









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Meals on Wheels volunteers begin their delivery routes.

Appendix A: Nonprofit Senior Clubs

Friends of Outreach

Friends of Outreach is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization that supports the City of Irvine outreach program for seniors through fundraising efforts and service projects such as Bingo, International Crafters, and Holiday Gift Bags. Friends of Outreach is a charitable organization with free membership and open to all who are willing to serve. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. More information: 949-724-6900.

Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage Chinese-American seniors to develop a social network to enhance the quality of life. Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m-4:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. More information: 949-724-6900.

Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for older Korean-Americans in the community. More information: 949-724-6900.

■ **Irvine Senior Travelers** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for older Korean-Americans in the community. More information: 949-724-6900.

NEDA Association of Iranian-American Seniors w گروه ندا - نسل دیروز ایرانیان

NEDA Association of Iranian-American Seniors is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to maintain friendships among Iranian-American seniors and to encourage involvement in the local community. Meetings are held Thursday each week from 2-5 p.m. on the third Thursday the meeting is from 5-9 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. More information: 949-724-6900.

Information on all of these organizations can be found online at irvineseniors.org.

Appendix B: Senior Plan Update Implementation Matrix FY 2018–19—FY 2022–23

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	ities to older adults	Year 3		Target retirees for program promotion and volunteer recruitment		
DUCATION	lucational opportun	Year 2		Identify points of contact (agencies, sites, programs) through which to reach various audiences and distribute information on educational	Meet with faith and cultural groups to share information about class offerings	Work with senior clubs to help outreach to their community networks about educational programs and services
GOAL AREA: EDUCATION	and a variety of ed ad	Year 1	 Increase posts on City's social media pages including links to the Irvine Senior Connection 	Develop group email lists (i.e., younger seniors, lower-income) of current participants to receive information based upon program interest	Enhance communication with staff at senior housing locations to inform them about Senior Services program information	
	Goal: Provide information and a variety of educational opportunities to older adults.	Recommended Actions	a. Expand distribution of information through web-based media	b. Conduct targeted marketing strategies to engage various groups of seniors in educational programs (<i>i.e.</i> , younger seniors, lower-income, frail, limited English speaking)	c. Increase accessibility of information at senior housing and faith locations	d. Continue to engage multilingual volunteers to bring information to the community
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		GOAL AREA: EDUCATION (cont.)	ATION (cont.)			
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Strategies	Recommended Actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Expand and enhance information on issues important to seniors and their families	a. Continue to collaborate with community partners to enhance education on health, technology, and finance topics	Continue to provide informational sessions on financial literacy and fraud prevention through partnerships Provide Senior Services Leadership Committee with educational sessions and encourage members to share the information with their club participants	Identify presenters to provide new informational sessions on health, technology, and finance topics Offer more intermediate and advanced level technology classes Seek partners to offer educational programs during evening and/or weekend hours Utilize cultural groups to hold lectures and distribute information			
	b. Develop senior user- friendly educational materials on health, finance, and technology topics	Revise referral/resource lists to improve readability for seniors Conduct a comprehensive messaging campaign featuring topics (two per year) providing consistent messaging across printed material and web articles				

	GOAL AREA: HEALTH AND RECREATION Goal. Dromote physical and social health through health and recreation activities	GOAL AREA: HEALTH AND RECREATION	RECREATION the bealth and recreati	on activities	
Strategies	Recommended Actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5
1. Enhance marketing strategies	a. Conduct targeted marketing to reach different groups of seniors	Promote City adult classes of interest to seniors			
to increase awareness of health and recreation programs	b. Educate seniors on registration processes for senior activities/classes offered by the City and community partners	Accept telephone registration for free programs Teach seniors how to register online for City programs Continue to partner with Irvine Valley College Emeritus to provide on-site registration assistance			

	GOAL ARI	AL AREA: HEALTH AND RECREATION (cont.)	CREATION (cont.)		
	Goal: Promote physical and	d social health throug	cal and social health through health and recreation activities.	on activities.	
Strategies	Recommended Actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5
2. Expand senior health and recreation	a. Explore options for additional activity offerings on weekends and evenings and at satellite locations		 Pilot evening or weekend events, such as ping pong tournaments 		
program opportunities	b. Pilot new outdoor sports activities	 Promote pickleball clinics being offered at new City courts 	 Pilot new outdoor sports activities (i.e., pickle ball, bocce ball) at satellite locations and at varying times 	Research grant opportunities for funding outdoor fitness equipment at Lakeview Senior Center or other sites that are accessible to seniors	
	c. Expand social engagement opportunities, including activities that bring seniors of various cultural groups together	Program afternoon socials with activities that encourage social engagement and interaction (i.e. karaoke, crafts)			
	d. Explore new ways to recruit senior volunteers to promote socialization and support senior clubs	Work with senior clubs to help outreach to their community networks about volunteer opportunities	Provide opportunities for senior clubs to periodically host an informational table in Rose Garden Café		
	e. Pilot a laptop lending program for seniors	 Implement laptop lending program at Rancho Senior Center 			
	f. Explore model programs to help seniors sustain motivation to stay fit and healthy over time	• Plan a "Walk with the Doc" program as part of Senior Striders	 Provide training for seniors on technology programs (apps) that promote healthy lifestyles Create a recognition/ incentive program for fitness participation 	 Prepare and distribute recipe cards for easy-to- prepare healthy meals 	
	g. Explore new vegetarian and culturally- themed menu options at the Rose Garden Café		Continue to receive and incorporate input from participants on the Rose Garden Café menu		
	h. Explore conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the demand for senior programming space	• Explore options for expanding use of existing space	Request funding to conduct a feasibility study to address the need for additional senior center programming space		

		GOAL AREA: HOUSING	IOUSING		
	Goal: Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.	orations and education	on to address senior	housing needs.	
Strategies	Recommended Actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5
1. Promote safety measures and assistance services to support aging in place	a. Foster partnerships between service providers and housing entities to better link seniors with needed services, including homeless prevention resources		Develop a guide of homeless prevention resources	Share a guide on homeless prevention resources with housing managers so that they may share with senior tenants who are at risk of homelessness	
	b. Increase awareness of fall prevention measures, home modification strategies, and universal design principles	Distribute fall prevention and home safety/ modification education materials		Conduct an educational campaign on home safety measures	
	c. Disseminate information about home-based technology applications to support independent living	Research possible agencies that could provide workshops on technology to support independent living	Offer workshops and articles on technology that support independent living		

	sing needs.	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5			
SING (cont.)	Goal: Enhance collaborations and education to address senior housing needs.	Year 2		Work with senior clubs to help outreach to their community networks about housing application assistance available in the Keen Center	
GOAL AREA: HOUSING (cont.)	rations and educati	Year 1	Provide information to seniors and their families on topics such as transitioning into assisted living, downsizing strategies, and supporting seniors with housing decisions	 Pilot Keen Center appointment system for scheduling housing application assistance 	Direct seniors to Neighborhood Services web link for new housing developments. Contact housing developers about upcoming affordable housing projects to stay abreast of interest lists and application opening dates
	ioal: Enhance collabo	Recommended Actions	a. Provide education to seniors and families about housing transitions	b. Increase services to help seniors complete affordable housing applications	c. Continue to inform the senior community of affordable housing openings as they occur
	6	Strategies	2. Provide information to seniors with housing needs		

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		Year 4			
SENIORS	nerable seniors.	Year 3	• Evaluate feasibility of creating public service announcement for ICTV on how to identify at-risk seniors and where to refer for support services		
AND VULNERABLE	nd inclusion for vul	Year 2	Develop informational articles, posters, etc. on how to identify at-risk seniors and where to refer for support and safety services	Develop an information packet for distribution to housing and health providers to share information on support services and programs	• Identify opportunities to collaborate with City Disability Services for outreach and support to senior caregivers/family members of adults with disabilities
GOAL AREA: SOCIAL WELL-BEING AND VULNERABLE SENIORS	wellness, independence and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.	Year 1	Participate in community health fairs to inform the general public about the City's assistance programs for vulnerable seniors	Offer training to City program staff and community entities on risk factors and resources for vulnerable seniors	Refer participant family members to partner agencies that provide caregiver education sessions and continue to identify new potential partnerships Identify opportunities for expansion of family support programs in various languages for dementia and other health-related aging concerns
GOAL AREA: So	Goal: Promote wellne	Recommended Actions	a. Increase public awareness about how to identify and assist vulnerable seniors	b. Explore ways to increase information sharing with community partner agencies, housing agencies/ HOAs, and medical providers on support services and programs for vulnerable seniors	c. Expand education and support to family members of vulnerable seniors and seniors caring for adults with disabilities
		Strategies	1. Enhance systems to identify and serve the most vulnerable senior populations		

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D VULNERABLE S	nd inclusion for v	Year 2	Meet with faith and cultural groups to share information on support services and programs that they can share with vulnerable seniors with limited English proficiency and their families Prioritize resource materials for written translation and distribution	 Link seniors with virtual counseling programs available online 	• Link seniors with trained volunteers for one-on-one instruction on how to navigate a healthcare service portal online		Evaluate the Meals on Wheels program operations and explore options for meeting increased demand
SOCIAL WELL-BEING AND VULNERABLE SENIORS (cont.)	ess, independence a	Year 1	Recruit and maintain bilingual staff and volunteers Continue to update listing of counseling and outreach services that are appropriate for limited English-speaking seniors	Continue to link and case manage clients in partnership with agencies that provide in-home counseling	Launch appointment system for application assistance in Keen Center, utilizing trained interns Work with senior clubs to help outreach to their community networks about application assistance available in the Keen Center	Continue to meet regularly with IPD, code enforcement, and other community partners to collaboratively assist seniors in crisis	 Identify the use of outdoor space to expand seating for the lunch program
GOAL AREA: SOCI	Goal: Promote wellness, independence and inclusion for vulnerable seniors.	Recommended Actions	d. Foster development of services for isolated, limited English-speaking seniors	e. Continue to partner with organizations that provide in-home counseling and volunteer peer mentoring services	f. Explore opportunities to expand application assistance services for seniors	g. Continue collaboration with Irvine Police Department to assist at-risk seniors	h. Evaluate the nutrition program and explore options for meeting the increased demand for services
		Strategies	1. Enhance systems to identify and serve the most vulnerable senior populations				

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		Year 4					
	seniors.	Year 3			Disseminate information to seniors and their families about driver safety and transitioning away from driving		
ISPORTATION	e transportation for	Year 2	 Update transportation guide, including translated versions, and distribute among City and community programs Meet with faith and cultural groups to share information on transportation services that they can share with the community 		• Explore partnership with IPD to promote driver safety education		
GOAL AREA: TRANSPORTATION	Goal: Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.	Year 1	Make information about volunteer driver program available in senior housing communities Work with senior clubs to help outreach to their community networks about transportation services	Continue transit training programs with pre/post evaluation of learning Pilot a class on how to install and use ride applications and make available written instructions on installing and using ride applications	• Enhance volunteer recruitment strategies to increase capacity of the CarFit program	 Explore partnership with IPD and other community groups to promote pedestrian safety education 	• Create marketing materials that promote the Keen Center's transportation consultation services
	Goal: Suppor	Recommended Actions	a. Expand distribution of information on transportation services	b. Teach seniors how to use various transportation options including smartphone applications	c. Continue providing information on driver safety and transitioning away from driving	d. Provide pedestrian safety education	e. Promote transportation consultation services in multiple languages through Keen Center for Senior Resources
		Strategies	1. Enhance outreach and education to support senior mobility				

	09	GOAL AREA: TRANSPORTATION (cont.)	ORTATION (cont.)			
	Goal: Suppor	Goal: Support safe and accessible transportation for seniors.	transportation for	seniors.		
Strategies	Recommended Actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Year 5	Year 5
2. Explore collaborative partnerships and innovative models to enhance	a. Maximize use of transportation resources through continued coordination with public and community transportation providers	Continue to participate in the OC Strategic Plan for Aging Transportation Sub-committee	Stay current with transportation services offered through County, nonprofit, and health insurance providers			
transportation services	b. Explore opportunities to enhance volunteer-based transportation for medical appointments and social activities	Implement new strategies to enhance the recruitment of volunteers for the volunteer driver program for medical appointments		Explore new strategies to expand the volunteer driver program to include transportation to social activities		
	c. Evaluate City senior transportation services for opportunities to increase efficiencies	• Evaluate the TRIPS program for opportunities to increase efficiencies				

Appendix C: Organizations Represented at Key Stakeholder Meetings

Education

Alzheimer's Orange County
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center
Irvine Korean Evergreen Association
Irvine Senior Citizens Council
Irvine Valley College
Orange County Council on Aging
Orange County Office on Aging
Orange County Fire Authority
OMID Institute

Health and Recreation

Friends of Outreach
Irvine Evergreen Chinese Seniors Association
Irvine Senior Citizens Council
Irvine Senior Travelers
Jewish Federation and Family Services
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Housing

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Care Placement

City of Irvine Community Development, Neighborhood Services

Fair Housing Foundation

Innovative Housing Opportunities

Inn at Woodbridge Senior Apartment Community

Irvine Company

Irvine Korean Evergreen Association

Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board

Irvine Senior Citizens Council

Orange County Fire Authority

Social Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors

Adult Protective Services
Alzheimer's Orange County
Golden Age Group
Human Options
Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc.
Irvine Police Department - Mental Health Outreach Program
Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board
Irvine Senior Citizens Council
Jewish Federation and Family Services
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance
Orange County Council on Aging
Orange County Health Care Agency
St. Jude

Transportation

24HR HomeCare
Age Well Senior Services
City of Irvine Transportation Department
Irvine Police Department Traffic Unit
Irvine Senior Citizens Council
Jewish Federation and Family Services

Appendix D: Senior Resource Guide

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
	GENERAL INFORM	IATION
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	National: 888-687-2277 Sacramento: 866-448-3614 Pasadena: 866-448-3615 aarp.org	AARP is a nonprofit, non-partisan membership organization dedicated to enhance the quality of life for maturing adults age 50 and over.
City of Irvine Keen Center for Senior Resources (Lakeview Senior Center)	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6926 irvineseniors.org	The Keen Center for Senior Resources offers support and assistance programs designed to help deal with physical, emotional and/or caregiving demands. Provides information about housing, transportation, health insurance, alternative living, social security, in-home care, home repair, support groups, legal aid, safety, immigration, Social Security Insurance and Medi-Cal.
City of Irvine Lakeview Senior Center	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6926 <i>irvineseniors.org</i>	Senior center with multiple-purpose facilities for adults age 50+. Facility is equipped with a computer lab, billiards room, and provides educational, recreational and social services. Rose Garden Café (Monday-Friday) Suggested donation \$4 for age 60+ and \$5.25 for age 59 or less.
City of Irvine Rancho Senior Center	3 Ethel Coplen Way Irvine, CA 92612 949-724-6800 irvineseniors.org	Senior center for adults age 50+. Facility is equipped with a fitness center and provides educational and recreational services. A ballroom, multi-purpose room and kitchen are available for rental.
City of Irvine Trabuco Center	5701 Trabuco Road Irvine, CA 949-724-7300 irvineseniors.org	Senior center for adults age 50+. Facility is equipped with a fitness center and provides educational and recreational services. A ballroom, multi-purpose room and kitchen are available for rental.
Office on Aging County of Orange	333 W. Santa Ana Blvd. Santa Ana, CA 92701 800-510-2020 officeonaging.ocgov.com	The Office on Aging serves older adults, specifically focusing on low-income and minority elders. The information and referral line provides information on health, transportation, affordable housing, nutrition and social activities.
Veteran's Administration Orange County	1506 Brook Hollow Drive Santa Ana, CA 92705 714-567-7450 veterans.ocgov.com	Provides free benefit claims counseling and information and referral assistance to veterans, their dependents and survivors.
211 Orange County	1400 S Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705 211 211oc.org	211 Orange County offers a comprehensive information and referral system linking Orange County residents to community health and human services and support. Callers seeking assistance can dial 211 (toll-free) 24 hours-a-day and be connected to trained, multilingual
City of Irvine Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA) (Lakeview Senior Center)	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6900 <i>irvineseniors.org</i>	information and referral specialists. Promotes harmony in the multicultural community of Irvine. Activities include multicultural films, monthly social events, and English mentoring programs. Monthly socials are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 5-7:30 p.m.

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/EL	DER ABUSE
Adult Protective Services	P.O. Box 5687 Orange, CA 92813 800-451-5155 24-hour Hotline cdss.ca.gov/Adult-Protective-Services	Adult Protective Services is directed at preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of elder adults (65 or older) and dependent adults (physically or mentally impaired 18-64 year olds) who are unable to protect their own interests.
Human Options – Safe Options for Seniors Program	Office:5540 Trabuco Road, Irvine, CA 92620 P.O. Box 53745, Irvine, CA 92619 877-854-3594 humanoptions.org	Housing, counseling, case management for women and children for 12 months affected by domestic violence. Trauma services for seniors and community education.
Women's Transitional Living Center	P.O. Box 916 Fullerton, CA 92832 714-992-1931 Hotline:1-877-531-5522 wtic.org	Emergency shelter for clients with substance abuse problems, mental illness, human trafficking, legal advocacy, transitional housing programs, community outreach, immigrations services and children's programs.
	EDUCATION	
Irvine Adult School	3387 Barranca Pkwy Irvine, CA 92606 949-936-7456 Irvineeas.asapconnected.com	Teaches English as a Second Language, computer, parent education, teacher's aide and General Education Degree to adults. Preregistration required.
Irvine Valley College Emeritus	5500 Irvine Center Drive Irvine, CA 92618 949-451-5100 ivc.edu	Teaches art, computer, cooking, dance, photography, fitness, investing, music, and theater arts to older adults. Pre-registration required.
Osher Lifelong Learning, University of California, Irvine	15207 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92618 949-451-1403 <i>ce.uci.edu/olli/</i>	Offers programs for retired and semi-retired adults who enjoy literature, history, science, the arts and travel. Pre-registration required.
	EMERGENCY RESOL	JRCES
Families Forward	8 Thomas Irvine, CA 92618 949-552-2727 families-forward.org	For Irvine and South County residents only. Offers assistance for emergency and monthly food, transitional housing for homeless families, career coaching, counseling and information and referrals to other Irvine Community resources. Must call first to schedule an appointment.
Share Our Selves	1550 Superior Costa Mesa, CA 92627 949-270-2100 <i>shareourselves.org</i>	Provides food, clothing, financial aid for basic necessities, free dental and medical clinics and CARE (Counseling, Advocacy, Resources, Emergency) services, including mental health and support groups in a culturally sensitive environment. Food Panty hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
South County Outreach	7 Whatney, Suite B, Irvine, CA 92618 949-380-8144 sco-oc.org	For Irvine through San Clemente residents only. Offers transitional housing, rental assistance, utility payments to help Orange County residents by preventing homelessness or utility shut-offs. Sponsors annual Holiday Adopt-a- Family program, operates a thrift shop and provides free computer training for people seeking employment opportunities.

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
EMPLOYMENT		
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center	850 N. Birch St. Santa Ana, CA 92701 714-560-8877 aascsc.org	Dedicated to increasing the awareness of the needs of Asian American elderly, assisting their access to essential health care and social services and promoting dignified living in the community.
Employment Development Department	1-866-333-4606 edd.ca.gov	Provides weekly unemployment insurance payments for workers who lose their job through no fault of their own. The program is funded by employers who pay taxes on wages paid to employees.
Orange County One-Stop Center	17891 Cartwright Road #100 Irvine, CA 92614 949-341-8000 oconestop.com	Offers job-seekers self-directed facility and tools to look for employment or career change opportunities. Job seekers are required to provide two original right-to-work documents (picture ID, CA driver's license, Social Security card). All customers need to complete an electronic intake process.
	FINANCIAL / INSURA	NCE
Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Orange County	1561 E. Orangethorpe Ave. Fullerton, CA 92831 1-800-550-1961 <i>cccsoc.org</i>	Consumer Credit Counseling Service is the nation's oldest and largest credit counseling organization. They offer debt counseling and debt repayment solutions to those needing help dealing with creditors and overwhelming debt.
Council on Aging – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)	2 Executive Circle Suite 175 Irvine, CA 92614 714-479-0107 coasc.org	Promotes adult empowerment, prevent abuse and advocate for the rights and dignity of those experiencing health and aging challenges. Services are free regardless of income. HICAP provides educational seminars, individual counseling and limited legal assistance with Medicare and related insurance coverage, as well as unbiased information and assistance with original Medicare, Health Maintenance Organizations, Medigap Plans, Medi-Cal, Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), employer health plans, long-term care insurance and military benefits.
Financial Abuse Specialist Team – Council on Aging	2 Executive Circle Suite 175 Irvine, CA 92614 714-479-0107 Coaoc.org/services_fast_description.htm	Provides educational awareness of financial elder abuse issues on a national and community level while providing recommendations to appropriate agencies for the investigation of financial abuse cases that are reviewed by our volunteer partnership consisting of multidisciplinary public and private professionals.
Medi-Cal	medi-cal.ca.gov 1-800-541-5555	Social Services Agency – locations in Santa Ana and Aliso Viejo for provision of Medi-Cal health services, pharmaceuticals and durable medical equipment.

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
Seniors Against	320 W. 4 th Street, Suite 750	SAIF is a statewide outreach campaign under
Investment Fraud	Los Angeles, CA 90013	the California Department of Corporations. The
(SAIF)	866-275-2677	primary purpose is to alert and educate
(SAII)	dbo.ca.gov	residents over the age of 50 about investment
	uooica.gov	and telemarketing fraud crimes and how to
		avoid being victimized by scam artists.
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Social Service Agency,	168 Von Karman Avenue Suite 100	Social assistance services offered by the County
Orange County	Irvine, CA 92606	of Orange.
	714-541-4895	
Co sial Consuits	ssa.ocgov.com 26051 Acero Road	Application information and support for Cocial
Social Security		Application information and support for Social
Administration	Mission Viejo, CA 92691 1-800-772-1213	Security, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Death
		Index related benefits.
	ssa.gov	index related benefits.
	FOOD RESOURCES / PRE	PARED MEALS
Cal Fresh (formerly	1-800-281-9799	Cal Fresh, formerly known as Food Stamps, adds
known as Food Stamp	benefitscheckup.org	to food budget to put healthy and nutritious
Program), Orange		food on the table. The program issues monthly
County		electronic benefits that can be used to buy
		foods at many markets and food stores. Income eligibility.
City of Irvine	20 Lake Road	Meals on Wheels is available on a donation basis
Meals on Wheels	Irvine, CA 92604	(suggested donation of \$5 per day for three
(Lakeview Senior	949-724-6910	meals) for seniors living in Irvine age 60+ who
Center)	irvineseniors.org	cannot prepare or shop for meals themselves.
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City of Irvine Rose Garden Café	20 Lake Road	Suggested donation for onsite lunches are \$4
	Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6910	for adults 60 and older and \$5.25 for people under 60.
(Lakeview Senior		under 60.
Center) Orange County Food	<i>irvineseniors.org</i> 11870 Monarch Street	Eligible recipients must self-certify that
•	Garden Grove, CA 92841	household income is at or below 150% of
Bank	714-897-6670 ext. 3601	federal poverty level.
	ocfoodbank.com	lederal poverty level.
Second Harvest	8014 Marine Way	Must live within parish boundaries for this food
Second narvest	Irvine, CA 92618	distribution program.
	949-854-1000	distribution program.
Treasure Box	10 Goodyear	Low cost monthly food boxes provided through
(Orange County Church	Irvine, CA 92618	local faith-based, community organizations. \$32
of Christ)	1-866-712-0925	per box can feed a senior citizen for nearly a
	keyestohouse@gmail.com	month. Frozen foods include protein, produce,
	HEALTH / MED	side dishes and desserts.
Alzheimer	770 The City Drive South, Suite 7400	Education and awareness about Alzheimer's
Association, Orange	Orange, CA 92868	basics, diagnosis, treatments, stages and more.
County Chapter	800-272-3900	
	949-426-8544	
	alz.org/oc	

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
Braille Institute	527 N. Dale Avenue	Provides an environment of hope and
	Anaheim, CA 92801	encouragement for people who are
	800-272-4553	blind/visually impaired through educational,
	brailleinstitute.org	social and recreational programs and limited
	oramemstitute.org	transportation services.
	HEALTH / MEDICAL (
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California Department	916-558-1784	Services include birth, death and marriage
of Public Health	cdph.ca.gov	certificates, health screening, testing, care and
		treatments, etc.
Caregiver Resource	130 W. Bastanchury Road	Services include free family consultation,
Center of Orange	Fullerton, CA 92835	specialized referrals, respite assistance,
County	800-543-8312	educational services, legal workshops, support
	714-446-5030	group services, multicultural services, Caregiver
	caregiveroc.org	Advocacy Network and "Link 2 Care".
Caring Connections –	2 Executive Circle Suite 175	Provides friendly visitors for isolated seniors and
Friendly Visitor	Irvine, CA 92614	disabled adults in the community and care
Program	714-479-0107	facilities.
Council on Aging	coaoc.org	
Community Care	750 The City Drive, Suite 250	Provides oversight and enforcement for more
Licensing	Orange, CA 92668	than 85,000 licensed facilities statewide
	714-703-2800	servicing elderly clients. Community Care
	ccld.ca.gov	Licensing accepts complaints and feedback
		regarding facilities and services.
Community Senior	1200 N. Knollwood Circle	Serves 22 cities in North Orange County,
Serv, Inc.	Anaheim, CA 92801	providing Meals on Wheels, senior lunch
	714-220-0224	program, case management, Adult Day services
	communityseniorserv.com	and continuum of care.
Dayle McIntosh Center	24031 El Toro Road	Disability resources include advocacy, aging
	Laguna Hills, CA 92653	with vision loss, assistive technology, client
	949-460-7784	assistance program, core independent living
	714-621-3300	skills, deaf services, housing, information and
	daylemc.org	referral, peer support, personal assistance
		registry, transition service, sign language
	1505 5 W	interpreting, and vocational services.
In-Home Supportive	1505 E. Warner	For individuals who are 65 or older, disabled, or
Services, County of	Santa Ana, CA 92702	blind, Medi-Cal eligible. Helps to pay for in-
Orange Social Services	714-825-3000	home services, such as personal care, house
Agency	Ssa.ocgov.com/elder/ihss	cleaning, shopping, cooking and laundry. Social Worker makes initial assessment to determine
		authorized services.
Institute for Brain	1100 Gottschalk Medical Plaza	Provides diagnostic assessments for persons
Aging and Dementia,	Irvine, CA 92697	with memory loss and opportunities for clinical
University of	949-824-2382	research participation.
California, Irvine	alz.uci.edu	research participation.
Irvine Adult Day	20 Lake Road	Provides social and health care services
Health Services, Inc.	Irvine, CA 92604	(physical, occupational and speech therapies);
(Lakeview Senior	949-262-1123	nursing supervision, health maintenance
Center)	irvineadhs.org	recreational activities, social services, meals, etc.
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		Scholarship assistance, Medi-Cal, private pay,
		SCAN, or other insurance as available.
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Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
Linkages	1971 E. 4 th Street, Suite 200	Provides case management for disabled adults
Council on Aging	Santa Ana, CA 92705	and functionally impaired and frail elderly. Case
	714-479-0107	Managers perform a comprehensive in-home
	coaoc.org	daily living needs assessment, monitor
		individual care plans and link clients to
		community services.

HEALTH / MEDICAL (Continued)		
Long Term Care Ombudsman Council on Aging	1971 E. 4 th Street, Suite 200 Santa Ana, CA 92705 714-479-0107, 800-231-4024 coaoc.org	Protects the rights of older adults living in nursing and board and care homes living in Orange County.
Multipurpose Senior Service Program	505 City Parkway West Orange, CA 92868 714-246-8500 caloptima.org	Social and health care management for frail, homebound seniors on Medi-Cal.
National Parkinson's Foundation	One Hoag Drive Newport Beach, CA 92658 949-764-6998 parkinson.org npaocc.org	Provides education, awareness, care and support to individuals with Parkinson's Disease. Support groups, periodic seminars and a regular newsletter.
New Lung – Quit Smoking	1501 E Orangethorpe Ave Suite 120, Fullerton, CA 92831 866-639-5864 newlung.org	Free help to quit smoking tobacco. Help is offered through telephone counseling, classes, support groups and one-on-one counseling.
Orange County Medical Association – Physician Referral	5000 Campus Drive, Newport Beach CA 92660 949-398-8100 ocma.org	Physician referral line.
Senior Health Outreach Prevention Program, County of Orange	714-972-3700 ochealthinfo.com/shop	Community outreach and home visitation program for low-income, uninsured, underinsured or underserved adults. Persons age 45+ with unmet health care needs are eligible, priority given to frail older adults. Services provided by Public Health Nurses and Behavioral Health Older Adult Specialists. Services include health screenings, behavioral health assessment/evaluation, intervention, linkages, case management, consultation and education regarding health and aging.
	HOUSING / UTILIT	TIES
Adult Residential Care Facility – Community Care Licensing	750 The City Drive, Suite 250 Orange, CA 92868 714-703-2840 Cdss.ca.gov	Licensed by the state of California, Department of Social Services, Community Care and Licensing. Privately owned and not maintained or regulated by the County of Orange. These facilities provide are and supervision to adults (ages 18-50 years of age) who have a mental illness. Residents are given assistance and monitoring in taking medication, scheduling treatment appointments, transportation and performing daily living skills. Adult Mental Health Outpatient Services can assist individuals to locate vacancies and access residential care

Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
		homes.
California Alternative	800-427-2200	Provides discounts on the electric bill or gas bill.
Rates for	socalgas.com/residential/	The utility company providing he discount will
Energy/Family Electric	assistance/care	determine if the individual qualifies for CARE or
Rate Assistance		FERA, whichever is the greater savings for the
(CARE/FERA)		customer.

HOUSING / UTILITIES (Continued)		
California Lifeline Telephone Service (CLTS)	877-858-7463 californialifeline.com	CLTS is a discounted rate for local telephone service. Two plans are available: Unlimited local calls or limited amount of local calls. Any long distance, out of the area code, or additional phone features are additional charges.
California Telephone Access Program (CTAP)	2677 N. Main Street, Suite 130 Santa Ana, CA 92705 800-806-1191 ddtp.org	Provides adaptive telephone equipment and related services at no cost to California residents who have difficulty using a standard telephone because of temporary or permanent problems such as hearing, speaking, seeing, moving or remembering. To qualify, you must be a California resident with active telephone service and must have an application form signed by a licensed physician or audiologist.
Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)	11870 Monarch Street Garden Grove, CA 92841 800-660-4232 capoc.org 866-675-6623 csd.ca.gov	Provides utility assistance and food bank services. CAPOC works to enhance the quality of life in Orange County by eliminating and preventing the causes and effects of poverty. Assists clients who are in crisis of having their electric or gas service disconnected or has already been disconnected. Clients whose utilities are included in their rent DO NOT qualify
Fair Housing Council of Orange County	1516 Brook Hollow Drive, Suite A Santa Ana, CA 92705 800-698-3247, 714-569-0823 fairhousingoc.org	for ECIP. Provides landlord and tenant education, mediation services, certified housing and urban development counseling agency and investigation of discrimination complaints.
Home Energy Assistant Program (HEAP)	11870 Monarch Street Garden Grove, CA 92841 866-675-6623, 800-660-4232 <i>csd.ca.gov</i>	Assists clients who are in need of assistance playing their electric or gas bill. Clients determine which bill they need help with. Clients supply information that will be used to determine an established benefit amount which will appear as a credit on the client's bill. Assistance is once every 12 months.
Office on Aging Senior Apartment List	1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B Santa Ana, CA 92705 800-510-2020 officeonaging.ocgov.com	List prepared by County of Orange Office on Aging to help older adults, caregivers and persons with disabilities who are seeking low- income rentals in Orange County.
Orange County Housing Authority – Affordable Rental Housing List	1770 N. Broadway Santa Ana, CA 92706 714-480-2900 714-480-2700 rental info ochousing.org	Dedicated to financing affordable housing for those who are in need in Orange County. Provides affordable rental listing for Orange County (all ages). Administers rental assistance programs throughout Orange County, except the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana (these cities operate their own citywide rental assistance programs).
Rebuilding Together	625 S. Cypress Avenue	As the nation's largest volunteer home

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of Orange County	Santa Ana, CA 92701	rehabilitation program, Rebuilding Together can
	714-667-8174	make home modifications that include installing
	rtsocal.org	wheelchair ramps, railings, grab bars and
		bathing access equipment. All repairs and
		improvements are provided to recipients free of
		charge.

HOUSING / UTILITIES (Continued)		
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	866-675-6623 csd.ca.gov	Weatherization can be on a single family home, town home, condo, apartment building or mobile home. Authorization for repairs is required by the owner of the property or an authorized agent for the property. Weatherization services are available one time every ten years.
	LEGAL	
California Department of Child Support Division	1055 N. Main Street Santa Ana, CA 92701 866-901-3212 <i>childsup.ca.gov</i>	Works with parents and guardians to ensure children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support.
Community Service Programs, Inc. (Dispute Resolution Services and Victims Assistance Program)	1221 E. Dyer Road, Suite 120 Santa Ana, CA 92705 949-250-4058 <i>cspinc.org</i>	Mediation is a conflict resolution process in which a mediator guides disputants in finding an agreement that works. Dispute Resolution Service mediators are carefully selected and represent a cross-section of people, diverse in culture, profession and background.
Lamoreaux Justice Center	341 The City Drive Orange, CA 92868 657-622-6878 <i>occourts.org</i>	Handles juvenile, family law and probate/mental health matters. Also housed at this facility is a self-help, court resource bureau, family court services and the office of the family law facilitator.
Orange County Bar Association – Lawyer Referral Information Service (LRIS)	949-440-6747 ocbar.org	Prospective clients receive a free brief consultation to review the legal issue and discuss fees. Only callers in need of legal assistance and able to pay an attorney are referred to LRIS panel members. Callers unable to afford attorney fees are guided toward community pro bono services of attorneys in the national award-winning LRIS Modest Means Program. Legal clinics are staffed by volunteer attorneys who provide free legal information in domestic violence, guardianship, bankruptcy, immigration news for Orange County, and legal aid for seniors.
Orange County Human Relations (OCHR)	1801 E. Edinger Street. Suite 115 Santa Ana, CA 92705 714-480-6570 ochumanrelations.org	OCHR is a partnership between the county-funded Orange County Human Relations Commission and the non-profit Orange County Human Relations Council. It provides programs in partnership with schools, corporations, individuals, cities and foundations to support a vision where all people are valued, respected and included. It focuses on dispute resolution, community building, and school inter-group relations and violence prevention.

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Public Law Center	601 W. Civic Center Drive Santa Ana, CA 92701 714-541-1010 publiclawcenter.org	Provides justice for those who are most vulnerable to injustice through pro bono attorneys and their collaborative relationships with organizations to help make Orange County a better place to live for everyone.
	LEGAL (Contin	ued)
Senior Citizens Legal Advocacy Program –	2101 N. Tustin Avenue Santa Ana, CA 92705	Provides free civil legal services to low-income persons and seniors. Helps solve legal problems
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	800-834-5001, 714-571-5245 (Voicemail) legal-aid.com/home/seniors	depending on the nature and complexity of the legal problem. Services include a hotline intake system, self-help clinics, workshops, online court forms and in-depth legal services ranging from preparation of legal documents to legal
		representation. Many services require eligibility guidelines to be met. The Seniors Program provides representation in the areas of government benefits, health, housing, consumer problems, elder abuse and other areas to the extent of Legal Aid's available resources, when a senior has a serious pressing need. Services do not include representation for criminal cases, class action lawsuits, drafting wills and trusts, or cases in which a senior wants to sue for money.
United States Citizenship and Immigration	34 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92701 800-375-5283 uscis.gov	Information and forms available for citizenship application, green card (permanent residence), working in the United States and related information.
Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board	P.O. Box 48 Sacramento, CA 95812-0048 800-777-9229 vcgcb.ca.gov	Domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter. Board helps resolve claims against State agencies and employees for money or damages.
	MENTAL HEALTH / CO	DUNSELING
Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS)	3115 Redhill Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92626 714-850-8463 ochealthinfo.com	Provides recovery mental health services and episodic treatment services. The specialized outpatient Evaluation and Treatment Service provides 24-hour crisis stabilization, hospital diversion and referral access to Allied Behavioral Care acute psychiatric inpatient services. Inpatient services include: acute psychiatric inpatient treatment program and program administration/case management of Medi-Cal Mental Health Managed Care Plan.

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Agency	Contact Information	Program Description Individual, couples, family and group therapy.
Chicago School and	4199 Campus Drive, Suite E	
Counseling in Irvine	Irvine, CA 92612	Works with anxiety, anger management,
	949-737-5460	bereavement, career issues, chronic psychiatric
		conditions, depression, child abuse,
		alcohol/drug abuse, eating disorders, family
		conflict, sexual orientation and identity issues,
		life transitions, low self-esteem, women's issues,
		men's issues, personal growth, relationships,
	2025 D. H.D. J. G. W. 202	sexual abuse, stress and trauma.
Centralized	203 E. Ball Road, Suite 200	Responds to psychiatric emergency calls
Assessment Team	Anaheim, CA 92805	throughout Orange County, 24 hours a day, 7
County of Orange	866-830-6011	days a week; crisis mental health evaluation.
	ochealthinfo.com/behavioral/cat	
	MENTAL HEALTH / COUNSE	ELING (Continued)
Diamond Counseling	4000 Birch Street, Suite 203	Individual, couples, family and child therapy;
Center	Newport Beach, CA 92660	depression, anxiety, stress, anger, crisis with
Center	949-466-5176	divorce, abuse, trauma, addiction, grief,
	diamondcounseling.com	acculturation, unemployment, illness, difficulties
	a.aonacoanscinig.com	with relationships, parenting, blended families,
		self-esteem issues and work-related problems.
Family Assessment	1651 E. 4th Street. Suite 128	Provides grandparents support groups,
Counseling and	Santa Ana, CA. 92701	parenting, anger management, teen anger
Educational Services	714-447-9024	management and co-operative parenting.
(FACES)	facescal.org	
Health Psychology	62 Discovery Suite #100,	Individual, family and group therapy, treating
Associates	Irvine, CA 92618	childhood, adolescents and adults,
	949-551-4272	marital/couples therapy, women's health and
	ochpa.com	personal growth, coping with chronic health
		conditions: diabetes, obesity, heart disease,
		health and wellness seminars to promote
		healthier lifestyles and happier relationships.
Jewish Federation and	1 Federation Way	Services include free family consultation,
Family Services	Irvine, CA 92603	specialized referrals, respite assistance,
•	949-435-3484	educational services, legal workshops, support
	jfsoc.org	group services and multicultural services.
Mariposa Women and	812 W. Town and Country Road	Women's domestic violence groups, women's
Family Center	Orange, CA 92868	depression support groups, women's sexual
· ay center	714-547-6494	assault survivor support group, women's focus
	mariposacenter.org	groups, focus on women's anger, men's support
		group, loss of an adult child, grief, teen grief
		group, grieving separation and divorce.
Mental Health	3540 Howard Way, Suite 150	Provides a variety of services: outpatient, Social
Association	Costa Mesa, CA 92627	Security Income outreach, clubhouse, homeless
	949-646-9227	services back to work program, rep payee
	mhaoc.org	program. Community court full partnership and
	aociorg	Project Together mentor program.
National Alliance for	1810 E. 17 th Street	Provides education to increase awareness of
National Alliance for Mental Illness	1810 E. 17 th Street Santa Ana, CA 92705	Provides education to increase awareness of mental illness issues, offers acceptance
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Older Adult Services –	1200 N. Main Street, Suite #200	Recovery program for mentally ill individuals
County of Orange	Santa Ana, CA 92701	60+ on Medi-Medi or without medical
	714-972-3700	insurance. Services provided at client's home or
	ochealthinfo.com	local community mental health clinic. Services
		include initial assessment, crisis intervention;
		recovery program for adults 60+ Medi-Medi or
		without insurance and Program for Assertive
		Treatment.
Older Adult Support	714-972-3700	Designed to assist homeless older adults with
and Intervention	ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/fsp	mental illness experience recovery and stability.
Services (OASIS) –		Program offers outreach and engagement
County of Orange		services, mental health, nursing assessment,
-		evaluation, mental health services including
		behavioral therapy, medication management
		and peer counseling.

MENTAL HEALTH / COUNSELING (Continued)				
Pilgrimage Community Counseling Services, Inc.	23201 Mill Creek Road, Suite 220 Laguna Hills, CA 92653 949-460-5320 pilgrimage-oc.org	Counseling services provided for all ages.		
Substance Abuse Resource Team (START) County of Orange	P.O. Box 355 Santa Ana, CA 92702 714-972-3700 ochealthinfo.com/start	Designed to assist older adults who are abusing alcohol or medications, and their family members, learn how to manage complex problems caused by substance abuse. Provides confidential consultation, home visits, one-to-one counseling, medication reviews, coordination with the client's doctor, referrals to community agencies and other resources. Information about partial hospitalization services and treatment programs.		
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Dasis3.samhsa.gov	A website that aids in locating drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs nationwide.		
٨	MULTI-CULTURAL / SENIOR NON-	PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS		
Access California Services	631 S. Brookhurst, Suite #107 Anaheim, CA 92804	Assistance with forms and applications, referrals, parenting classes, English as a Second Language		
NEDA-Association of	714-917-0440, 800-287-1332 accesscal.org 20 Lake Road	classes, health education classes, immigration services, tax preparation, interpretation and translation services, employment services, family support services for domestic violence and child welfare programs. All services are provided in English, Arabic, Spanish, Armenian, Farsi, Urdu, Pashto, and French. NEDA- Iranian Association is a non-profit, non-		

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		and are held on the third Thursday of each month from 5-9 p.m. Daytime meetings are held each Thursday (except the third Thursday) from 2-6 p.m.
American Senior	850 N. Birch Street	AASCSC is a non-profit organization that is
Citizens Service Center	Santa Ana, CA 92701	dedicated to increasing the awareness of the
(AASCSC)	714-560-8877	needs of the Asian American elderly, assisting
	aascsc.org	their access to essential health care and social services, and promoting dignified living in the community.
Friends of Outreach	20 Lake Road	An all-volunteer Irvine non-profit organization
(Lakeview Senior	Irvine, CA 92604	providing socialization and fundraising support
Center)	949-724-6900	for senior outreach programs.
	irvineseniors.org	

MULTI-CULTURAL / SENIOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)				
Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA) (Lakeview Senior Center)	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6900 <i>irvineseniors.org</i>	A non-profit organization that serves the Chinese elderly population in the Irvine community by offering a broad spectrum of recreational, educational, and social activities designed to promote optimal health and successful aging on a monthly basis. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m-4:30 p.m.		
Irvine Korean Evergreen Association(IKEA) (Lakeview Senior Center)	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 949-724-6900 949-285-6545 (Contact Juneu Kim, IKEA Chair Person) irvineseniors.org	Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA) is a nonprofit organization providing opportunities for older Korean-Americans to continue their involvement in the community. They offer a variety of beginning level music and dance classes, as well as provide linkage to resources. IKEA has a minimal membership fee to help enrich the lives of seniors. All classes are taught in Korean.		
Irvine Senior Travelers (Lakeview Senior Center)	20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604 888-882-8714 irvineseniors.org	Coordinates a variety of day and extended trips to meet the travel needs of seniors. Office hours provided at Lakeview Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.		
Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliances (OCAPICA)	12912 Brookhurst Street. Suite 410 Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-636-9095 ocapica.org	Dedicated to enhancing the health, social and economic well-being of Asians and Pacific Islanders. Provides service, education, advocacy and research.		
Persian Family Resource Center	17155 Newhope Street, Suite C Fountain Valley, CA 92708 714-805-9724 facebook.com/parsian-family- resource-center	A non-profit organization working with the under-served minority communities of Southern California, to emphasize a successful transition to life in America. Services include immigration assistance, counseling, benefit and legal assistance.		
OMID Multicultural Institute for Development	4199 Campus Drive, Suite #300 Irvine, CA 92612 949-502-4721 Ocmecca.org	A non-profit organization with the mission to provide mental health services, education, outreach, training and research to address the mental health needs of low-income families		

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		across Orange County with a special		
		focus on the Farsi speaking families.		
	SUPPORT GROU	PS		
Al-Anon Orange	12391 Lewis Street, Suite 102	Provides support groups for family and friends		
County	Garden Grove, CA 92840	of alcoholics.		
	714-748-1113			
	orangecountyalanon.org			
Cancer Support Group	20 Lake Road	Bi-monthly meetings are held on the third		
in Mandarin	Irvine, CA 92604	Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by		
(Lakeview Senior	949-724-6900	Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center.		
Center)	irvineseniors.org	Call to confirm dates.		
Caregiver Support	20 Lake Road	Meetings are held on the second and fourth		
Group	Irvine, CA 92604	Wednesday of each month 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.		
(Lakeview Senior	949-724-6900	Sponsored by Irvine Adult Day Health Services.		
Center)	irvineseniors.org			
	SUPPORT GROUPS (Co	ontinued)		
Diabetes Education	20 Lake Road	For individuals with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.		
and Support Group	Irvine, CA 92604	Meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each		
(Lakeview Senior	949-724-6900	month from 1-2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Irvine		
Center)	irvineseniors.org	Senior Services Outreach Program.		
Center)	irvinesemors.org	Serior Services Outreach Frogram.		
St. Andrew's	600 St. Andrews	The goal of this ministry is to help individuals		
Presbyterian Church -	Newport Beach, CA 92663	understand the dimensions of grief and to help		
A Grief Support	949-631-2880	with the goal of an intimate relationship with		
Ministry	sapres.org/support/grief	Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. A six-week		
		support group is offered at various times		
		throughout the year.		
TRANSPORTATION				
AARP Driver Safety	3 Ethel Coplen Way	Provides driver safety classes for adults age 55		
Course	Irvine, CA 92612	and older.		
(Rancho Senior Center)	949-724-6800			
	irvineseniors.org			
Age Well Senior	24461 Ridge Rte. Drive, Laguna Hills, CA	Provides senior non-emergency medical		
Services	92653	transportation for seniors age 60 and older,		
	949-855-9766, 949-855-8033	along with Adult Day Health Care, Alzheimer's		
	agewellseniorservices.org	Social Day Care, case management, home-		
		delivered and congregate meals in south		
		Orange County.		
American Cancer	1940 E. Deere Avenue, Suite 100	Provides no-cost transportation to		
Society – Orange	Santa Ana, CA 92705	chemotherapy and medical appointments.		
County Chapter	949-477-0340	Advanced notice required.		
tal col	cancer.org	B 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
iShuttle	714636-7433, ext. 2	Provides transportation services within the		
(Orange County	octa.net	Irvine Business Complex, connecting Tustin		
Transportation		Metrolink Station to major employers,		
Authority)		residential communities, and amenities,		
		including the Irvine Spectrum and John Wayne		
TRIDE Due sure us	6427 Oak Canyan	Airport.		
TRIPS Program	6427 Oak Canyon	Provides door-to-door accessible transportation		
(City of Irvine)	Irvine, CA 92618	to Irvine residents 18 and older with permanent		
	949-724-7433	disabilities and seniors 65 or older who can no		

Appendix D: Continued

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Agency		Program Description longer drive. Wheelchair accessible. Service is
	cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/	
	trips	limited to Irvine and adjacent cities. \$25 initial
		(\$20 subsequent) annual registration fee plus
December 1 - CM - 1	1220 F First Charact	\$1.90 per one-way ride to Irvine locations.
Department of Motor	1330 E. First Street	Provides identification cards, driver's license,
Vehicles	Santa Ana, CA 92701	vehicle registrations and renewals.
	800-777-0133	
	dmv.ca.gov	
	TRANSPORTATION (Continued)
Silver Streak Senior	1 Federation Way, Suite 210	Upon availability, provides three types of
Transportation	Irvine, CA 92603	transportation:
(Jewish Federation and	949-435-3460	1. Group trips (for groups of 3-5); \$5 round trip
Family Services)	jfsoc.org	anywhere in Orange County.
		2. Taxi-Gelt costs are \$15 for 10 coupons.
		Participants must be 60 or older, must
		complete an application and be issued a
		Silver Streak Rider's card with an
		identification number. Participants must be
		unable to drive, must live in Orange County,
		and must travel inside Orange County. 24-
		hour advance notice required by calling
		877-232-8294.
		3. Volunteer driver rides: requires a \$20
		purchase for a book of 10 volunteer coupons. Each coupon entitles a rider to a
		one-way ride, 12 miles or less.
Orange County Transit	550 S. Main Street	Provides door-to-door and curb-to-curb service.
Authority ACCESS	Orange, CA 92863	Must apply. OCTA's shared ride services for
Authority Access	714-560-6282, 877-628-2232	physically and/or cognitively disabled adults
	octa.net	who are unable to ride fixed route bus services.
		Applicants must meet the American with
		Disabilities Act eligibility criteria.
Orange County Transit	550 S. Main Street	Provides fixed bus routes throughout Orange
Authority Bus Services	Orange, CA 92863	County.
,	714-636-7433, ext. 2	
	octa.net	
Safe Mobility for	stopfalls.org	Facilitates a collaborative, public health systems
Seniors		approach that increases the number of
(Center for Injury		California seniors who remain safely mobile in
Prevention)		their communities and are able to successfully
		age in place.
Senior Non-	1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B	Must be at least 60 or older, an Orange County
Emergency Medical	Santa Ana, CA 92705	resident, must not be an OCTA ACCESS client.
Transportation (Office	800-510-2020	Program is intended for non-emergency
on Aging)	officeonaging.ocgov.com	medical appointments.
Agency	Contact Information	Program Description
Senior Services	Keen Center for Senior Resources	Provides no-charge transportation to and from
Volunteer _	20 Lake Road	medical appointments to individuals age 50 and
Transportation	Irvine, CA 92604	older. Contributions to Friends of Outreach
Program	949-724-6926	accepted. Advance notice is required and rides
(Lakeview Senior	irvineseniors.org	are limited to two times per month. Vehicles are
Center)		not wheelchair accessible.

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For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Community Services, or visit *irvineseniors.org*.





California's Master Plan for Aging January 2021



The Master Plan for Aging: Five Bold Goals for 2030

The Master Plan for Aging presents a comprehensive approach for every Californian to help build a California for All Ages by 2030. The Plan identifies five bold goals and twenty-three innovative and flexible strategies for state and local leaders in government, business, philanthropic, and community-based organizations to collaborate. Each of these goals is in alignment with Governor Gavin Newsom's California for ALL vision.

The Master Plan for Aging for 2030 is to be considered a living document for the long-term. Just as California pivoted to ensure the safety and well-being of older adults in new and different ways during COVID-19 pandemic, the Master Plan will be nimble and responsive to shifting social and economic realities.

Beginning in 2021, the five bold goals will be powered by over 100 action-ready initiatives in the short-term that have already been adopted by state agencies for implementation, in partnership with stakeholders and the Legislature. (See page 26 or the MPA website for a detailed list of these proposals.) These initiatives will be continually informed by the publicly accessible, user-friendly, and routinely updated Data Dashboard for Aging, which will track the Master Plan's targets over ten years. Progress, updates, and new initiatives will be addressed in an annual report produced by the Administration.

The Master Plan for Aging's Five Bold Goals for 2030

- Goal One: Housing for All Ages and Stages
 - We will live where we choose as we age in communities that are age-, disability-, and dementia-friendly and climate- and disaster-ready.
 - Target: Millions of New Housing Options to Age Well
- Goal Two: Health Reimagined
 - We will have access to the services we need to live at home in our communities and to optimize our health and quality of life.
 - Target: Close the Equity Gap in and Increase Life Expectancy
- Goal Three: Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation
 - We will have lifelong opportunities for work, volunteering, engagement, and leadership and will be protected from isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
 - Target: Keep Increasing Life Satisfaction as We Age
- Goal Four: Caregiving That Works
 - We will be prepared for and supported through the rewards and challenges of caring for aging loved ones.
 - Target: One Million High-Quality Caregiving Jobs
- Goal Five: Affording Aging
 - We will have economic security for as long as we live.
 - Target: Close the Equity Gap in and Increase Elder Economic Sufficiency

Goal One: Housing for All Ages and Stages

We will live where we choose as we age, in communities that are age-, disability-, and dementia-friendly and climate- and disaster-ready.

Goal One Target: Millions of New Housing Options to Age Well

Goal One Local Model: Age Well San Diego

"Housing is essential to our ability to age where and how we choose with dignity. We must ensure that all Californians have access to safe and affordable housing options that meet our needs at every stage of life."

- Lourdes Castro Ramirez, CA Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency Secretary

Older adults, like people of all ages, need housing options that meet changing needs across the decades. Housing that allows for different household sizes, with accessible transportation options, welcoming parks and public spaces, and strong climate and disaster readiness, are foundational to well-being and continued engagement in civic, economic, and social life.

A wider range of housing models are emerging for the second half of life -- such as duplexes and accessory dwelling units to support multi-generational families and caregivers, and new models of residential communities with a range of services -- and these models can be scaled. California's most well-known housing policy for older homeowners, Proposition 13, has limited property taxes to support affordability as people age; Proposition 13 may also have discouraged moving. The recently enacted Proposition 19 may encourage more older adults to consider moving into different homes and communities for the different stages of aging. While most older Californians are homeowners, older adults who rent homes are facing rising affordability challenges. Sharp gaps in home ownership rates by race and ethnicity, due to the legacy of housing discrimination, means Latino and Black elders are more likely to be renters than White older Californians. Housing policies grounded in equity – for owners and renters, for all races and all ages, for those living alone and all household sizes – can begin to remedy discrimination and advance more housing options for all.

Transportation choices beyond cars both help slow climate change and help adults live in homes of choice, especially after experiencing a decline in the physical mobility or the ability to safely drive. The future of transportation includes more choices for people of all ages ("multi-modal"). Some older adults and people with disabilities need specialized transportation services, such as door-to-door paratransit and escorts to physician's offices. Accessible transportation networks of buses and additional options keep people of all ages and abilities connected to services, social opportunities, and community activities.

California's climate and natural landscape offer some of the country's most beautiful parks and public lands. These spaces are integral to both mental and physical health, playing a critical role in promoting social inclusion. While adults aged 60 and over account for 20 percent of the 12

population, older adults only represent approximately four percent of total park users. (Although, at same time, they are the majority of State Park volunteers).¹

California's increasing wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the pressing need for community design that improves our ability to remain safe during climate and human-made disasters, while also taking measures to prevent and prepare for them. While all Californians are impacted by climate change, some populations, including older adults, are more vulnerable than others to its dangers and health consequences.²

California will pursue Housing for All Ages and Stages through five strategies:

- A. **More Housing Options**: California communities are increasingly developing more affordable housing options to meet the needs of all stages of life for all people, regardless of age, race, income, ability, or household size. The production, protection, and preservation of affordable housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units and Residential Care Facilities of all sizes, will support older adults, caregivers, and their families.
- B. **Transportation Beyond Cars**: Age- and disability-friendly transportation networks can be strengthened through improved community walkability and expansion of bus and transit stops, transit rider education and subsidies, seamless paratransit across transit district lines, and driver safety education.
- C. **Outdoor & Community Spaces for All Ages**: All Californians can benefit from more convenient park access within a ten-minute walk or less, co-location of parks with community centers offering programming for all ages, and incorporation of smart park technologies.
- D. **Emergency Preparedness & Response:** Preparation and planning with and for older adults and people with disabilities is especially important to prioritize, given the higher risk of death or harm due to emergencies and disasters. Improving technologies and communications that address the access and functional needs of residents during disasters can also improve preparedness and response to these growing populations.
- E. **Climate-Friendly Aging**: Age-friendly communities are naturally in alignment with environmentally friendly initiatives, including low-emissions transportation systems; walkable and low vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT) neighborhoods and cities; and in-home energy-saving modifications. Community planning can factor in climate impact and safety, including disaster resiliency, in new, updated, and rebuilt housing and transportation.

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Goal Two: Health Reimagined

We will have access to the care and services we need to optimize our health and quality of life and to continue to live where we choose.

Goal Two Target: Close the Equity Gap and Increase Life Expectancy

Goal Two Local Models: San Bernardino: Inland Empire Health Plan; Partners in Care Foundation

"Aging is a universal process throughout the lifespan and health shapes this experience, across physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and functional dimensions. Individuals age in the context of their multiple identities, influenced by our communities of belonging and the challenges and opportunities of our social and political world."

- Fernando Torres-Gil, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs & MPA SAC Member

Health is a lifelong journey. To age well, from birth to 100-plus years old, all Californians need access to both health care and healthy communities across the lifespan. Tragically, the COVID-19 pandemic is laying bare the health impacts of systemic racism over a lifetime, with disproportionate deaths by Latino, Black, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander adults who are 60 and over. More than 7,700 people in these categories died of COVID-19 in 2020. Vaccine distribution centered on equity by age and by race, among other factors, is key to California's response to the pandemic.

As we age, many adults find that the need to focus on health increases. Nearly half of all Californians will acquire one or more chronic illnesses. Nearly nine in ten older adults take at least one prescription drug, with one in four finding their costs to be unaffordable, even with insurance coverage. Older adults are also at particular risk for mental health issues, like depression. Access to health care at all ages is the foundation for healthy living and aging, and California leads the nation in health care coverage for older adults – most recently through the expansions of Medical and Covered California, California's health insurance exchange. Those still most at risk for not having access to comprehensive health care coverage include people with lower incomes, those living in rural areas, and those without citizenship status.

At the same time, services beyond health care are increasingly understood as essential to maintaining health and to aging well at home and in the community. For example, over half of older adults, especially women, will eventually need home care or adult day health care to assist with daily activities such as meal preparation, physical activity, and bathing. California's In-Home Supportive Services is a national leader in this model of care.

As more Californians live longer lives, more people will seek home or community care to support optimal health and to continue to live well within homes and communities of choice. Critically, these services are often unaffordable for individuals, particularly for middle income older adults covered by Medicare only, which still largely does not cover these home and community services.

To provide the care needed for optimal health and choice as we age, medical services and non-medical supports can be integrated and made accessible to people living both in home and in community. Ultimately, coordinated care between health plans and community organizations serving older adults and people with disabilities can improve lifelong health outcomes and life satisfaction.

Another byproduct of more Californians living longer is the need for more health care informed by geriatric expertise – yet only about 5 percent of providers have this training.⁴ California will need a larger health care workforce that is trained in geriatrics, including Alzheimer's and all dementias, and is more representative of the diversity within California. Dementia's growing impact requires urgent focus. The Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Prevention, Preparedness & Path Forward, led by the state's former First Lady Maria Shriver, spotlighted the 690,000 Californians aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's Disease, a devastating illness with physical, emotional, and financial tolls that impacts not just those individuals, but also friends, families, caregivers, communities, and health systems.

For those adults requiring full-time health care, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a stark reminder of the vulnerability of Californians living and working in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). While only 2 percent of our state's population live in these facilities, they account for over a third of the pandemic death toll. Preliminary data suggest a significant minority of long-term care residents who died of COVID-19 in 2020 had dementia. California's nursing homes can be national leaders in applying lessons learned and innovating new models of care for this most vulnerable population.

California will pursue Health Reimagined through six strategies:

- A. **Bridging Health Care with Home:** Through innovative partnerships with the federal government, health plans, health systems, and community-based organizations, California can scale proved and test new models of health care delivery that maximize access to services and, as a result, avoid unnecessary institutionalization.
- B. **Health Care as We Age**: California can continue to lead the nation in pursuing strategies to increase access across the spectrum of health care services, including modernizing Medicare counseling services and developing new generic drug manufacturing partnerships, to improve access and care options.
- C. **Lifelong Healthy Aging:** By fostering healthy environments beginning at birth, expanding access to prevention programs, and developing culturally competent public health educational tools and services, California communities can reduce some of the greatest and most inequitable health disparities.
- D. **Geriatric Care Expansion**: California is home to some of the foremost geriatric experts in the country. Expanding Geriatric Emergency Department certification and increasing geriatric training opportunities will ensure our health care system is staffed by teams including geriatricians and gerontologists, as well as nurses and social workers with geriatric training.

- E. **Dementia in Focus**: California can lead the nation in both preventing cognitive impairment and improving the lives of Californians living with dementia through comprehensive and coordinated strategies on research, brain health awareness, public information portals and hotlines, standards of care for dementia, and dementia-friendly communities, among other forward-leaning recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's.
- F. **Nursing Home Innovation**: California can emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic with renewed commitment to innovation in quality care, including such areas as value-based payment and architectural redesign to smaller, more home-like environments.

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Goal Three: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation

We will have lifelong opportunities for work, volunteering, community engagement, and leadership and will be protected from isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Goal Three Target: Keep Increasing Life Satisfaction as We Age

Goal Three Local Model: Los Angeles' Purposeful Aging LA (PALA)

"Equity should be at the center of the Master Plan for Aging's implementation. Systemic racism, ageism, able-ism, and sexism can only by eliminated through intentional systemic solutions. It's time to transform our systems so that they may positively impact the lives of those most affected by historical and institutionalized discrimination and who, therefore, have disproportionately suffered during COVID-19."

- Kiran Savage-Sangwan, MPA, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Older adults have many essential roles in California's communities: workers, business owners, volunteers, community leaders, mentors, lifelong learners, neighbors, friends, family members, and more. Each of these roles can provide a vital sense of purpose at any age. A cornerstone of building a California for all ages is continuing, evolving, and creating new opportunities for meaningful engagement at 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100-plus years old.

Digital technologies are fostering new opportunities for connection and inclusion for work, play, community, culture, and commerce. However, over two million Californians do not have access to high-speed internet and approximately 34 percent of adults over 60 do not use the Internal at all.6 The COVID-19 pandemic has brought these issues into greater focus and heightened the need for improved access to broadband, digital devices, and technology support for older adults.

Employment and volunteer opportunities, particularly those offering intergenerational engagement, can provide a powerful sense of purpose and connection. Over the past five years, Californians over the age of 55 accounted for 29 percent of all new employment. Many older adults need or want to keep working – at least part time. However, two thirds of older adults seeking employment cite age discrimination as a challenge to finding work.

Older adults can also be a major source of volunteers. Many older adults, especially if paid work and caregiving responsibilities become lighter, choose to devote time and energy to their communities – for example serving at food banks, as tutors to young children, and as poll workers.

One of the greatest threats to full inclusion and equity for all ages is elder abuse, which is estimated to impact 10 percent of older adults living at home and to result in losses totaling in the billions of dollars annually. Elder abuse can take many forms, including physical, sexual, abandonment, isolation, financial, neglect, self-neglect, and mental suffering. Women are as much as 35 percent more likely than men to suffer from some form of it. Our growing aging population requires increased planning and coordination to prevent growing abuse.

To build a California for all ages, all stakeholders and partners agree: leadership is key. California has a long tradition of extraordinary aging leadership, stretching back decades. (see <u>Listening to our Elders</u>). The State now has a growing and diversifying community of leaders at all levels poised to build on this foundation for the future, bringing forward the best of proven practices and new innovations to meet the needs of people we serve. Throughout this network, older adults and people with disabilities are the true leaders and essential participants in all planning, policy, programs, and advocacy.

California will pursue inclusion and equity, and prevent isolation, through six strategies:

- A. *Inclusion and Equity in Aging*: As the most racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse state in the nation, California can lead in combatting ageism, ableism, racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and all prejudices and in expanding opportunities for all older adults and people with disabilities to be economically, civically, and socially engaged, without experiencing discrimination or bias. California's aging and disability leaders, providers, and partners are committed to becoming increasingly culturally responsive through strategies including trainings, data collection, public campaigns (including with partners in California's entertainment industry), and targeted equity and inclusion goals in workforce, service planning, and service delivery.
- B. Closing the Digital Divide: In August 2020, Governor Gavin Newson signed <u>Executive</u> Order N-73-20 to deploy affordable and reliable broadband throughout the state. Closing the digital divide by increasing access to the internet and digital devices will improve the ability of older adults and people with disabilities to connect to family and friends, health care providers, and to access additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.
- C. **Opportunities to Work:** Scaling flexible work and education models, including virtual options, and preventing age discrimination in the workplace, can increase the inclusion of older adults and people with disabilities and harness all of California's talent, professionalism, knowledge, and expertise.
- D. Opportunities to Volunteer and Engage Across Generations: Volunteer programs for community priorities can intentionally and effectively recruit, support, and connect adults of all ages through volunteer centers, schools, community sites, libraries, and more. Older Californians have much to contribute to our society and to younger generations of Californians, therefore, developing opportunities for multi-generational exchanges is critical.
- E. **Protection from Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation.** Through new statewide coordinated efforts focused on prevention and equity, California can strengthen prevention and responses to elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, and fraud with person-centered, data-

driven, and culturally competent approaches.

F. California Leadership in Aging: Strategies to advance California's leadership include establishing public information, assistance, and resource connection portals and telephone networks that serve the entire state; facilitating a nation-leading aging research collaboration with California's leading universities; participating in AARP's Age-Friendly initiative; forging international agreements; and reviewing and strengthening state and local government leadership and partnership structures, including those related to the California Department of Aging and local Areas Agencies on Aging.

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Goal Four: Caregiving that Works

We will be prepared for and supported through the rewards and challenges of caring for aging and disabled loved ones.

Goal Four Target: One Million High-Quality Direct Care Jobs

Goal Four Local Model: <u>Healthcare Career Pathways</u> – <u>Ombudsman of Contra Costa, Solano, and</u> Alameda

"Caregivers of family and friends too often have to choose between their own health and financial needs and caring for a loved one. Caregivers need culturally competent options that not only improve their own health and quality of life, but also those of the person for whom they are caring. Accessible and affordable long-term services and supports, paid family leave, resources and training, and assistance navigating services will improve the lives of millions of caregiving families in California"

- Donna Benton, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology & MPA SAC Member

At some point in our lives, most Californians will seek care from family, friends, or paid caregivers. Likewise, most Californians will also have the privilege and responsibility of caring for an older loved one. The COVID-19 pandemic has meant even more of us are in one or both of those roles, in more challenging circumstances. Supporting caregiving for adults, like caregiving for children, is essential for family life, the economy, and a California for all ages.

Across California, almost five million family caregivers help their parents, spouses, and friends who need assistance with everyday tasks to live well in their homes and communities. Of these, almost 1.7 million are caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia, usually with little support or training. This constitutes about 4 billion hours of unpaid time, valued at \$63 billion, each year. Women, particularly Black, Indigenous, Latino, and Asian-American women, are providing a disproportionately large share of this care – often while simultaneously caring for children. Households of color are more likely than white households to be multi-generational, which may indicate these families are more likely to be providing unpaid caregiving across the generations. As rewarding as this work may be, the time needed to care for a loved one can result in financial hardship and a decrease in lifelong Social Security earnings, which can continue the cycle of poverty and debt for low-income households. The emotional and physical stress of caregiving can also lead to poor health outcomes for the family caregiver.

Paid caregiving is essential to older adults' ability to choose where to live. Caregivers provide direct care in many settings – in private homes, through community-based services like adult day centers, or in residential care homes, such as assisted living facilities or nursing homes. In the coming years, California will face a labor shortage up to 3.2 million paid direct care workers. Direct care workers earn less than half of California's median annual income and one in four falls below the federal poverty line. Most caregiving jobs are held by women; many are immigrants,

and they are twice as likely as other Californians to live in low-income households. Low wages, stress, and an elevated risk of job-related injury reduce prospects for financial stability for those employed in the caregiving workforce.

As the population age, and the need for caregiving increases, virtual caregiving and telehealth will become more vital for empowering aging adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers to age well at home. However, recent research has shown that older adults with dementia, hearing loss, and impaired vision may have a hard time using digital devices and programs designed without their needs in mind. The lessons from COVID-19's rapid pivot to telehealth, coupled with California's global leadership in the tech sector, have the potential to drive transformative advances in virtual care.

California will pursue Caregiving that Works through three strategies:

- A. **Family & Friends Caregiving Support:** Family caregivers need supports such as paid family leave, multilingual training resources, virtual care options, and respite so that the role remains rewarding and caregivers can maintain health, well-being, and income while caring for a loved one. Given that lower-income women, particularly women of color, disproportionately provide family caregiving, resources and support should be tailored and prioritized accordingly.
- B. **Good Caregiving Jobs Creation**: The caregiving workforce can be grown through caregiver training and professional development opportunities, along with livable wages, job placement support, and improved job quality. Higher wages will help paid caregivers work toward financial security, alleviate economic disparities, and better reflect the true value of their work.
- C. **Virtual Care Expansion:** New technologies, many pioneered in California, are paving the way for innovations in personal devices, smart home and community design, telehealth and more, and have the potential to help support caregiving and aging well across the state, nation, and globe.

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Goal Five: Affording Aging

We will have economic security as long as we live.

Goal Five Target: Close the Equity Gaps and Increase Elder Economic Security

Goal Five Local Model: San Francisco's Project Homekey and Meals Expansion during COVID-19

The concentration of financial assets among the wealthiest families, combined with the increasing housing and health care costs, dwindling pension plans, and low savings among the most households threatens the retirement security of many working Californians. CalSavers is a great start and through innovative policy options and tailored outreach, California can encourage employers and individuals to build toward a financially secure future.

- Nari Rhee, PhD, UC Berkeley Labor Center, MPA Research Subcommittee Member

Economic security is essential to living and aging well, but retirement income is being outpaced by the rising costs of housing, health, and care. Further, retirement income has traditionally relied on a combination of three sources for stability: individual savings, employer-paid pensions, and Social Security. However, individual retirement savings are lower than previous generations, and private pensions are declining. As a result, more older Americans and Californians are overly reliant on Social Security income alone and therefore more vulnerable to poverty. Women are particularly at risk because of work that did not count towards Social Security earnings (such as domestic work and unpaid family caregiving) and longer lifespans.

As a result, many middle-income Californians are experiencing downward economic mobility with age. Nearly half of all U.S. households are headed by someone aged 55 or older with no retirement savings. 11 One quarter of people over 65 rely almost entirely on their Social Security benefits, which average about \$1,500 per month for retired workers and \$1,250 per month for disabled workers. With California's fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment at \$1,522, many older renters are left with little or no money for food, healthcare, and other expenses. California has the second highest rate of poverty among older adults in the country, leading to high levels of hunger and increasing homelessness. Approximately 20 percent of all people 65 and over in California live in poverty; however, the portion of Black, Indigenous, and Latino older adults living in poverty is double that. 12

A particularly alarming trend is that residents over age 50 are now the fastest growing population of homeless people in many parts of the state, with the median age of the homeless expected to rise. Black men are disproportionately represented within the population of older Californians without homes, reflecting cumulative effects of decades of inequities in housing, education, employment, and criminal justice. The harsh reality of aging without a stable home includes dire health impacts: older adults without homes experience health problems that you would typically see in people who are 20 years older, including cognitive decline and decreased mobility.¹³

California will pursue Affordable Aging through three strategies:

- A. **End Homelessness for Older Adults:** California will continue to invest in innovative solutions to prevent older adult homelessness, reduce barriers to accessing housing programs and services, and promote the transition of those experiencing homelessness to affordable and accessible housing models, with supportive services.
- B. Income Security as We Age: Challenges require multiple approaches: For income, California will pursue partnerships to assess and strengthen all three sources individual savings, employer-based retirement, and Social Security and to expand employment opportunities and economic security at all ages. For expenses, reducing housing and health costs (as discussed in goal one and two) will increase elder economic security.
- C. **Protection from Poverty & Hunger:** The federal/State safety net for older adults and people with disabilities, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP), has not kept up with poverty levels. A recent state budget agreement proposes to begin to address the SSP in January 2022. The hunger and nutritional needs of older Californians need greater assessment and coordination to provide affordable and culturally appropriate foods through CalFresh (SNAP), food banks, meal delivery at home, congregate meals at day centers and long-term care facilities, farmers markets, and medically tailored meals, among others.

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SENIOR COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM 2.1 MINUTES



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2022 Lakeview Senior Center 20 Lake Road Irvine, CA 92604

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2022, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

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Present:	7	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
		Senior Council Member	Jerry Chang
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting virtually.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Senior Services Strategic Plan Update

- 1.1.1 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Senior Services Deliverables
- 1.1.2 Senior Services Strategic Plan Update Year 4 Highlights

Anne Kanter-Edwards, Community Services Program Specialist, and Kyle Raya, Community Services Specialist, provided a presentation on Senior Services Strategic Plan Update background, goals, and accomplishments.

Discussion included: housing waitlists; employment resources for seniors age 55-60; tracking and statistics; marketing of services; resources available for un-homed in Irvine and how addressed; City master plan achievements compared to State's master plan; pandemic impacts to service delivery and future planning; surveys and feedback from participants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments for Agendized items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments for Non-Agendized items.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- At the June 28 City Council meeting, the proposed ordinance to remove the vaccination requirement for congregate meal dining did not pass during the second reading. This item will be put on hold until COVID-19 numbers significantly decrease and staff are advised to bring the proposed ordinance back to City Council for review.
- The City is hosting Irvine Play Day on Thursday, July 28, to celebrate National Park and Recreation Month. Events will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at Adventure Playground, Great Park, and Lakeview Senior Center and will feature games, treats, and giveaways to celebrate Irvine's top-rated parks and community centers. Registration is not required, all ages are welcome.
- A COVID-19 vaccination clinic providing the Moderna vaccine for children six months
 to five years old will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the
 Lakeview Senior Center. Appointments are required and can be made at
 yourirvine.org. Please note, a waiver signed by parent or guardian for each minor will
 be required, and parent/guardian must provide a photo ID.

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- There are still four Sizzlin' Summer Concerts left in the series, ending with the Pacific Symphony concert on August 14. Concerts will start at 5:30 p.m. at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for first-come, first-served seating on the lawn. Reserved seating can be purchased for \$20 by registering at yourirvine.org.
- The California Department of Aging will host "CA for ALL Ages & Abilities Day of Action" in Sacramento on Tuesday, September 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join other master plan for aging stakeholders to elevate Aging, Disability, and Equity in statewide cross-sector planning in a day of activities that will include: conversations with national and state leaders in aging; a presentation by the Master Plan for Aging committees; and an interactive discussion and a call to action as we enter years three and four of the Master Plan for Aging. This event is free and open to the public. Register at caforall.org, capacity is limited.
- The Senior Connection will have a new look beginning with the fall issue, to include a
 modernized design, and additional pages to promote more of the activities, services,
 and events provided Senior Services.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Vice Chair Owens announced a Senior Scam Stopper Seminar at the Buena Park Senior Center on July 27.

Senior Council Member Jacobs announced the Irvine Multicultural Association's (IMA) Exploring Our World event highlighting Chinese culture and arts was very successful and thanked staff for assistance.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

- A. EKTAA Center: South Asian Senior Association No report.
- B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- FOO beginning to collect items for 300 holiday gift bags to be distributed in December.
- Bingo participation is increasing, and there will be a big push for participation in August.
- FOO received a \$1,500 donation to supplement lack of program participation and income during pandemic.

C. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS)

On behalf of Kimberly Beeson, IADHS Executive Director, Manager Hilderbrand reported IADHS was able to reach its fundraising goal of matching a \$25,000 donation commitment.

D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Jerry Chang, IECSA Co-President, reported the following:

- IECSA held a successful IMA event on July 13.
- The regular IECSA monthly program was held on July 16 with 150 attendees.
- IECSA membership and participation remains strong.
- E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)

Nasser Fathi, NEDA President, reported the following:

- In-person gatherings resumed 2-3 months ago in the Lakeview Senior Center craft room; maximum capacity is 30 persons, however participation is growing and need to move to a larger room.
- A program is scheduled for this evening from 5-9 p.m.
- NEDA participants are navigating transportation issues as TRIPS vans can bring participants to evening event, but there is no transportation available for after the event.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the July 8 SCAC meeting included:

- A presentation titled "Transportation Options for Older Adults" was provided by Joanne Jacobsen, Orange County Transportation Authority Community Transportation Coordinator. A variety of resources can be found at octa.net/gettingaround.
- Former Senior Council member Carolyn Inmon was appointed to the SCAC Executive Board.
- Erika Danczak provided an Office on Aging update as follows:
 - All 2,200 Senior Technology Program iPads have been distributed with data plan renewals
 - Office on Aging requested \$1.7 million dollars of Home and Communitybased nutrition funding from the Board of Supervisors, approval pending
 - American Rescue Plan funding awards for years two and three are pending Board of Supervisor approvals

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the county is receiving a high volume of calls for financial assistance due to inflation impacts to costs of services.

B. Wellbeing Reimagined

Senior Council Member Chang reported a presentation was given by Judy Osuna, Alzheimer's Family Center Community Outreach & Education Manager, on impacts of Alzheimer's and shared techniques and exercises.

C. Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported discussions were centered on the Orange County homeless count and breakdown of housing needs.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement

Chair Sandlin reported:

- New legislation is being written to reduce property taxes paid by seniors in attempts to reduce homelessness among seniors.
- A funding request of \$212 million made by state legislators to support a variety of senior programs has been distributed as follows: \$59 million this year, \$89 million next year, and \$62 million the following year.
- Funding for senior nutrition and meal programs are being heavily impacted by current inflation rates.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Chair Sandlin reported the following:

- The Rancho Senior Center petition walls in multipurpose rooms and ballroom will be replaced.
- Updates for Lakeview Senior Center are:
 - o The outdoor table tennis project was completed.
 - Cement slabs need to be updated to install new outdoor fitness equipment.
 - Refrigerator doors in the kitchen will be replaced.
 - Carpet on the stairs in the auditorium will be replaced.
 - Pickleball courts are in the near future.
 - o Damage to exterior areas caused by skateboarders is being addressed.
- B. Nutrition Committee No report.
- C. Senior Plan for Aging No report.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held June 16, 2022 as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Owens,	seconded by Senior	Council Member	Baradehi, and
unanimously carried to adjou	rn the regular Senior	Council meeting a	at 10:26 a.m.

	CHAIR
Athena Martinez Recording Secretary	Date Approved