



## SENIOR COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** March 6, 2023

**Subject:** Age Friendly

**Prepared by:** Jaime Chew, Recreation Manager

**Initiated by:** City Staff

### **Staff Recommendation**

The staff recommends to receive the report

### **Summary/Project Description:**

Age Friendly Recertification Project

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The Age Friendly recertification project will cost \$30K.

- Breakdown of funds to be used:
  - o \$30K General Fund
- Amount approved at mid-year by City Council on February 14, 2023

### **Background**

At its regular meeting on June 28, 2011, the Senior Commission proposed that City Council consider applying, on behalf of Los Altos, to join the World Health Organization (WHO) Network of Age-Friendly Cities. City Council supported the efforts and directed the Senior Commission to draft the application for Council's review. Staff was directed to provide an estimate regarding the number of anticipated staff hours required during years 1 and 2 of the planning phase.

On September 27, 2011, City Council approved the Los Altos application to the WHO Network of Age-friendly Cities with an amendment that included the removal of the proposed Senior Commission recommendations from the application to allow the process to be more aspirational in nature.

On June 7, 2021, Anabel Pelham, PhD and Founding Director for the Center for Age-Friendly Excellence (CAFÉ), gave a presentation to the Senior Commission on Age-Friendly Community Sustainability Principles from Grantmakers in Aging. CAFÉ was created to capture all the knowledge, capacity, experience, expertise, and process to become an Age-Friendly City and is currently working with 21 cities. Dr. Pelham has works closely with the California AARP who assists with the process to create a 5-year Age-Friendly Action Plan, as required by the program.



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On December 6, 2021, the Senior Commission approved the recommendation to pursue Dr. Pelham and CAFÉ to assist the City of Los Altos to update its Age Friendly status and create an Action Plan for the WHO.

On February 14, 2023, the Los Altos City Council approved the mid-year budget request of \$30K to fund the Age Friendly Recertification Project.

**Discussion/Analysis**

Upon approval of the mid-year budget request, City staff has engaged Dr. Pelham and CAFÉ to execute a professional services agreement to facilitate CAFÉ coordinating the City of Los Altos' efforts to create an action plan to recertify as an Age Friendly City for the WHO. City staff is also working on the project timeline.