



SENIOR COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Subject: Selection of Sourcewise Representative

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Initiated by: City Staff

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends to receive the report

Summary/Project Description:

Selection of Sourcewise representative

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background

Sourcewise is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that collaborates with Santa Clara County, state and local networks to provide access to programs, and information on support services for the aging population. The purpose of the council is to advise Sourcewise and its Board of Directors about the needs of older adults and disable persons in the county, to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable and those of greatest need within the community, and to inform the community of resources and services available through Sourcewise. Sourcewise was previously known as the Council on Aging for Silicon Valley.

The advisory council operates under the authority of the federal Older Americans Act and the state Older Californians Act. Community organizations, county districts and local agencies within Santa Clara County are represented on this 37-seat advisory council.

Advisory council members are actively involved in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Area Plan, which assesses unmet needs and identifies service goals and objectives. Members are also included in the evaluation of applications for grants for services such as nutrition, legal aid, and adult day care.

City staff has looked into past involvement in the Sourcewise Advisory Council and there was previous Los Altos representation 5 years ago. This representation was a member of the Los Altos Senior Commission. After that commissioner's term, no other representative from the city attended Sourcewise Advisory Council meetings.

It is not required for advisory council members to be residents of the City, but should be part of, or actively engage with senior coordinating councils in their communities. They should also



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actively engage with advocacy organizations, elected officials, and the general public for the purpose of increasing awareness of issues of concern to older adults and disabled persons.

Sourcewise advisory council member terms are three years, beginning July 1, and may renew for one additional term. The advisory council meetings currently take place via Zoom on the 1st Monday of each month, between 12pm – 2pm. Los Altos Senior Commission meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 3:30pm.

At the April 30, 2024, Los Altos City Council meeting, Council provided direction for the Senior Commission to recommend a representative for City Council consideration and appointment. The representative could be a Senior Commissioner or a community member.

Discussion/Analysis

The Senior Commission will need to need to select and recommend a representative to serve on the Sourcewise Advisory Council for a three year term, beginning on July 1, 2024, to City Council for consideration and appointment.