



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SENIOR
SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/13/2025
ITEM NO: 3

DATE: November 13, 2025
TO: Community Health and Senior Services Commission
FROM: Jen Fosco, Senior Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation (LGSR) 55+ Program Requirements Input

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the updates to the LGSR 55+ Program requirements and provide any input to Council.

REMARKS:

The Town has been in the process of updating the 55+ Program requirements with LGSR to reflect current services being provided to residents and to ensure fiscal viability of the program. Currently, the 55+ Program operates at a deficit for LGSR and to offset this deficit, the Town has agreed to provide LGSR \$100,000 in annual lease abatement through June 2028 or until the 55+ Program requirements are revised to be more financially stable and sustainable in the long term. The Town Council directed that Town staff work with LGSR to revise the 55+ Program requirements accordingly and to receive input from the CHSSC.

Many of the existing requirements are outdated and static, while LGSR offers programming according to the desires and demands of the community it serves. To allow for additional flexibility for LGSR to pivot to keep programming relevant and desirable for participants, the recommended updates include broader categories with required frequencies to maintain accountability. This flexibility will allow LGSR to deliver quality programs for the 55+ Program in a way that is financially sustainable over the long term.

In addition, the Town Council has expressed interest in support service providers operating out of the Adult Recreation Center (ARC). While the Town has implemented a pilot by renting back one of the rooms in the ARC to allow support service providers a rotational desk space to offer direct services to the community, it would be more efficient for LGSR to coordinate such a program, allowing them to determine how best to fully utilize space in the building. As such, the proposed update includes a requirement to provide dedicated space for community support service providers such as those providing case management, financial advising, safe driving courses, and other programs beneficial to the 55+ Program.

Supporting LGSR's fiscal viability is crucial to ensure the continuation of educational and recreational services, including senior services, to the community. If LGSR were no longer able to sustain these services, the community would lose a valuable resource. LGSR has a long history of providing valuable enrichment for the community. It is unlikely a new provider would be able to step in and provide the same services, as cost effectively for the Town. For these reasons, staff recommends the proposed updates to the 55+ Program requirements.

At the October 23, 2025 CHSSC meeting, LGSR gave a presentation highlighting their services and the success of their program, including membership growing to over 1000. The CHSSC voted to form an ad hoc committee to review the requirement proposal and make suggestions. Commissioners Konrad, Gentile, and Blum were assigned to the ad hoc committee. While normally staff time is not spent on ad hoc committees and additional staff time on this item is not in the commission work plan, staff has made an exception to meet with the ad hoc committee in hopes of helping the commission have a more efficient discussion. The ad hoc committee met with Assistant Town Manager Katy Nomura and Senior Service Coordinator Jen Fosco for approximately 1.5 hours on October 31, 2025.

The Commission may provide recommendations to the Town Council regarding updating requirements. Staff will consider these recommendations when finalizing the proposal for Council and will need to consider whether an agreement can be reached with LGSR.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Existing 55+ Program Requirements
2. Proposed 55+ Program Requirements
3. Public Comment