



Commission on Aging

## INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 29, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Commission on Aging

Submitted by: George Porter, Chairperson, Commission on Aging

Subject: Fiscal Year 2020 Commission on Aging Work Plan

### INTRODUCTION

The Commission on Aging (the CoA) has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. This work plan includes researching and gathering information; supporting Berkeley Age Friendly Initiatives; addressing concerns from other municipal agencies; focusing on Age Friendly housing initiatives and non-commute-related transportation efforts; broadening awareness of, and communication with, other Commissions with regards to policies that affect the older adult population.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on July 31, 2019, the Commission on Aging approved the commission's 2019-2020 Work Plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

M/S: Porter/ Murphy

Ayes: Porter, Murphy, Lasell, Candau Noes: None

Abstain: Gordon

Leave of Absence: Young

### BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

### POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

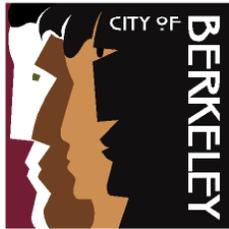
No fiscal impacts identified at this time.

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Attachments:

1: Commission on Aging 2020 Work Plan



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## Commission on Aging 2020 Workplan

### Commission Mission Statement:

To enhance the quality of life for people 55 years and older in the Berkeley Community, and to increase public awareness of their contributions and needs by actively promoting their health, safety, independence and participation in our community.

To carry out its mission, the Commission on Aging (the CoA) will work in the following areas over the next year:

### **1: Support “Berkeley Age Friendly Initiatives”**

- a. Resources
  - i. Staff time
- b. Program activities
  - i. Staff time will be used to coordinate commission meeting presentations from guests relevant to Age Friendly Initiative issues, and for the preparation of council submissions.
  - ii. When deemed necessary, the commission will hold Age Friendly Forums to inform the public of progress of Age Friendly Initiatives in presenting strategic plan to council. .
- c. Output(s)
  - i. Commission will develop recommendations for City Council regarding Age Friendly Initiatives.
  - ii. Public/commission information exchange
- d. Outcomes
  - i. Short-term desired changes: Council adoption of Age Friendly Initiatives.  
Long- term desired changes: Aging being considered in all city policies
  - ii. Broader awareness and more informed recommendations

### **2: Address referrals from other Municipal Agencies**

- a. Resources
  - i. Staff time

- b. Program activities
  - i. As usual, the CoA will do its best to take into consideration all items referred to it by Council, Municipal Departments and other commissions and make comment when necessary.
- c. Output(s)
  - i. Communications with agencies mentioned above
- d. Outcomes
  - i. Better alignment of City policies with the CoA's mission

### **3: Focus on Aging Friendly Housing Initiatives and Non-Commute Related Transportation**

- a. Resources
  - i. Staff time
- b. Program activities
  - i. Staff time will be used to coordinate commission meeting presentations from guests relevant to the Age-Friendly survey's identification of Housing and Transportation as Berkeley's older residents' most pressing concerns.
  - ii. As regards housing, in addition to the growing problem of senior homeless, particular emphasis will be placed on examining existing policies and/or proposing new ones that will more effectively allow for and encourage seniors to healthfully age in their homes or apartments or, when appropriate, shift to other, affordable living circumstances within the community.
  - iii. iii.. In the case of Transportation, particular emphasis will be put on non-workforce-commute related "daily-activity" transportation issues within the city itself (and nearby) that are of particular importance to seniors. The CoA will work to ensure that policies reflect that demographics' needs, especially as regards inclusive (as opposed to segregating) public transportation and including examination of possible new transportation models (i.e., a coordinated shuttle bus system, personalized demand-responsive transit service, "around town" carpooling cooperatives, etc.) that might better serve these needs.
- c. Output(s)
  - i. Communications with agencies mentioned above including sending liaisons to the Housing and Transportation Commissions when deemed necessary.
- d. Outcomes
  - i. Constantly expanding housing and transportation opportunities that better serve the needs of elders.

**4: Broader awareness of and communication with other Commissions as regards policies the effect the Elder population.**

a. Resources

i. Staff time.

b. Program activities

i. To the best of our abilities, individual commission members - with informational assistance of staff - will do their best to examine the work-plans and agendas of other commissions for items that may affect the health, well-being and community participation of the aging population, attend their meetings when necessary as liaison and report back to the Commission as a whole.

ii. When deemed necessary, the CoA will request these liaisons to other commissions to state our specific position on relevant items. In other cases, we will simply communicate through our secretary with these other commissions.

c. Output(s)

i. Commission will develop recommendations for these other commissions (and/or Council) regarding those elements of their policy development and/or planning that we deem relevant to senior concerns.

a. Outcomes

i. To ensure that the concerns of our elder community are addressed in all phases of all policy making and planning processes.

