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City of San Diego Seeks Input to Help Improve Livability for Older Residents

ONLINE SURVEY TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT FOR OLDER ADULTS

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego is asking for input from residents 50 and older via an online survey to help prepare for the changing needs that come with aging. The survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, seeks input across eight topics: Outdoor Spaces and Public Places, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Work and Civic Engagement, Communications and Information and Community and Health Services. Surveys are available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and only residents of the city of San Diego are eligible to participate. The public can provide responses until Friday, Dec. 13.

The survey, conducted by the City's Parks and Recreation Department's AgeWell Services program, is a collaborative effort with The San Diego Foundation and San Diego State University's Social Policy Institute. It is also part of a broader City effort in concert with the World Health Organization and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to designate San Diego as a member of the global network of "Age-Friendly Cities" that embrace healthy aging, civic participation and sustainable economic and social success.

"The City is committed to ensuring it provides meaningful and relevant services to residents of all ages," said Andy Field, interim director of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. "Information collected from this survey will inform quality of life decisions for our aging population. We encourage older residents to take the survey and let us know their ideas and suggestions to help make San Diego an attractive place to live when you're 50 years old and beyond."

To complement the findings of the survey, the AgeWell Services program received a \$50,000 grant from The San Diego Foundation to provide funding for future programming and materials specifically designed for older residents. The funding will help make recreation centers and other facilities welcoming and engaging to people of all ages, creating vibrant community gathering places.

The City's AgeWell Services program engages with older residents to help keep them active and healthy through scheduled day trips, dances, volunteer opportunities, weekly activities and signature annual events such as the AgeWell Talent Show, craft sale and photo and art shows, among others.

For more information about programs and services the City provides to older residents, please visit www.sandiego.gov/agewell.

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