

## **City of Sunnyvale Age-friendly Project Summary**

An "age-friendly city" optimizes opportunities for health, participation, and security for all people to ensure quality of life and dignity as people age.

Approximately 11 % of the current total population in Sunnyvale is 65 years and older. Over the next 20 years, that number is estimated to grow to approximately 34 %, per the 2015 American Community Survey.

In June 2017 City Council adopted a resolution to join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Community and authorized the submission of application materials.

Through community outreach, the City identified our older residents' most pressing issues from among the eight domains of age-friendliness. These issues are the focus of the City's first age-friendly action plan and was presented to Council for approval in Nov. 2019 and in Feb. 2020 the action plan was approved by WHO and AARP.

Cities in the [\*\*Global Network Age-Friendly Cities and Communities\*\*](#) pledge to continuously assess and improve their age-friendliness by ensuring that their facilities, policies and services are accessible to, and inclusive of, older people. Throughout the process, the City will seek community feedback to better understand what Sunnyvale's older residents want and need.

Cities participating in GNAFCC will commit to an ongoing cycle:

### **Planning Phase (Years 1 and 2) – completed**

### **Implementation and Evaluation phases (Years 3 to 5) – current phase**

- On completion of the planning phase, and no later than two years after joining the Network, cities will submit their action plan to WHO for review and endorsement. Upon endorsement by WHO, cities will then have a three-year period to implement their action plans.
- Progress evaluation: At the end of the first period of implementation, cities must submit a report to WHO outlining progress, measured by the milestones identified in the planning phase.

Members of the Age-friendly Advisory Committee will assist the City in the implementation and evaluation phases of the age-friendly cycle.