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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, at 3p.m.

City of El Cerrito Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

3:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong, Vice Chair Katherine Cesa, Members Buddy Akacic, Linda Cain, Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson, Pamela Wagner, Bruce Yow
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, as well as introduction by individuals interested in serving on the advisory body. Remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
3. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and are informal announcements on matters of general interest which are announced by Committee on Aging Members.
4. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENT AND REPORTS**
Councilmember and/or Staff may report on matters of general interest to the Committee on Aging, Council policies, priorities and significant action taken by City Council.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Pass a motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee on Aging meeting on May 15, 2024.
6. **COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON REPORTS**
Liaisons for the Advisory Council on Aging, West County Senior Coalition, Christ Lutheran and St. John's One-Day Per Week Senior Centers, and Senior Living Facilities in El Cerrito, report on matters of interest to the Committee on Aging. Reports are limited to three minutes per group.
7. **YOUTH ADVISORY BODY MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION**
Discuss and consider passing a motion to consider the option to request the City advertise interest in a youth member appointed to the advisory body.
8. **COMMITTEE ON AGING NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION**
Discuss and consider passing a motion to approve the draft August-September Committee on Aging Newsletter for publication.

9. WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

Discuss and consider a motion to adopt 2023/2024 Committee on Aging workplan accomplishments.

Discuss and consider a motion to adopt workplan goals for 2024/2025-2025/2026.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: August 21, 2024, at 3:00p.m. in the Council Chambers
- Presentation by El Cerrito Police Department (Sept)
- Senior Resource Fair (Aug & Sept)
- Adoption of the annual COA meeting Calendar (Nov)

11. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison, (510) 559-7008. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave during normal business hours.



AGENDA MATERIALS

REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, at 3:00p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 8 – COMMITTEE ON AGING NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION

1. Draft Committee on Aging Newsletter, August-September 2024 Edition

AGENDA ITEM 9 – WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

2. Bi-Annual Workplan template 2024/2025-2025/2026



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MINUTES COMMITTEE ON AGING - DRAFT

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

City of El Cerrito Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Ave

El Cerrito, Ca 94530

This meeting place is wheelchair accessible.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Chair Dr. Kwong called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong, Vice Chair Katherine Cesa; Members: Buddy Akacic, Linda Cain, Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson (arrived at 3:04 p.m.), Pamela Wagner (arrived at 3:04 p.m.), Bruce Yow

Absent: None

Also Present: Bridget Cooney, Cal Trans Project Manager, Haleh Hakimi and City of El Cerrito Transportation Program Manager, Jarrett Mullen

Members from the Public: Jane Brewer, Ed Bode

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jane Brewer and Ed Bode introduced themselves to the committee.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kehoe announced the City of Richmond Senior Information Day at the Richmond Auditorium on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Chair Dr. Kwong shared suggestions from former Committee member Epley regarding bus stops on San Pablo Ave on the corners at Potrero and Moeser Lane.

Member Cain announced a Ukulele performance by the combined Ukulele groups from Christ Lutheran Senior Center, St. John's Senior Center and Sakura Kai Senior Center. The performance will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

Member Akacic reported that the outside of the El Cerrito Community Center needs improved landscaping and signage. Member Akacic recommended adding this item to a future agenda and inviting Public Works staff to address the committee's concerns.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENT AND REPORTS

Agenda item number four, Council/Staff Liaison Announcement and Reports was discussed later in the agenda (after item number 5), per request by Chair Dr. Kwong.

Staff Liaison Cooney announced the upcoming Senior Presentation on The Art of AI by Committee Member Lipson. The presentation will take place on June 3, 2024, at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that Older American's Month activities held every

Wednesday in May have been well received. Liaison Cooney reported the final activity would be the Ukulele performance by the combined senior center ukulele groups on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that Summer scheduling for Adult and Senior Programs begins in June.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the next City Council meeting will be held on May 21, 2024, and Master Fee Schedule and Budget for FY 2024-2025 will be discussed.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the El Cerrito Police Department will hold a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the Summer Kick-off Makers Faire would be held at Hana Gardens and City Hall Parking lot on Saturday, June 8, 2024, between 11 a.m. -3 p.m.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that a public Library Workshop will be held at the El Cerrito Library on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6 p.m.

5. TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION

Haleh Hakimi, Engineering Project Manager with Caltrans and Jarrett Mullen, Sustainable Transportation Program Manager for the City of El Cerrito shared information on general topics that concern Caltrans' role in the City's transportation network. Information shared included how to report road maintenance requests to both Caltrans and the City of El Cerrito as well as current and upcoming projects happening in and around the City.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved/Second: Member Kehoe Moved/Vice Chair Cesa Second

Action: Adopted the minutes with edits from the Committee on Aging meeting held on April 17, 2024.

Ayes: Chair Dr. Kwong, Vice Chair Cesa, Member Akacic, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow

Nos: None

Abstention: Member Cain

7. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON REPORTS

West County Senior Coalition – No meeting.

City Housing Facilities in El Cerrito – No report.

Member Kehoe and Member Lipson reported attendance at the Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) on May 15, 2024. Member Kehoe reported that ACOA budget was discussed, and Measure X fund disbursement is delayed. Member Kehoe reported on a presentation by Contra Costa County Emergency Services about Preparedness for Natural and Human Disasters. Member Lipson reported on the Access to Technology Grant.

Senior Living Facilities in El Cerrito – No report.

West Contra Costa Older Adult Education – Member Kehoe reported dates and topics for upcoming presentations at Christ Lutheran Senior Center. Member Akacic reported

on an upcoming presentation by Member Lipson.

8. CONSIDER SENDING A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATING JANET ABELSON TO THE CITY OF EL CERRITO WALL OF FAME

Action: Motion to submit a letter in support of nominating Janet Abelson to the City of El Cerrito Wall of Fame.

Moved/Second: Member Kehoe (moved)/Member Lipson (second)

Ayes: Chair Dr. Kwong, Vice Chair, Cesa, Member Akacic, Member Cain, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow.

Nos: None

Abstention: None

9. ANNUAL COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING CALENDAR UPDATE

Action: Motion to keep the Committee on Aging Calendar as published for the remainder of 2024 and to continue the discussion for reducing 2025 meeting dates to bi-monthly meetings at the November 2024 Committee on Aging meeting.

Moved/Second: Member Kehoe (moved)/Member Cesa (second)

Ayes: Chair Dr. Kwong, Vice Chair Cesa, Member Akacic, Member Cain, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow

10. WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

Committee members reviewed the new Bi-Annual Workplan template and requested to continue discussion and goal setting for 2024/2025-2025/2026 at the July 17, 2024, meeting.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- COA Work Plan Accomplishments and Goal Setting (July 2024)
- Discussion and potential action regarding youth membership (July 2024)
- Adoption of Annual Committee on Aging Meeting Calendar (November 2024)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Committee on Aging meeting of May 15, 2024, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

Dr. Pansy Kwong, Chair

Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison

EL CERRITO COMMITTEE ON AGING OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

August-September 2024, Volume 14

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RECOGNITION OF CENTENARIANS

Do you know someone who is a centenarian (age 100) or will be turning 100 soon? The city would like to recognize that person. For information contact the City Clerk's office by email cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call (510) 215-4305.

LONELY?? DON'T GET OUT MUCH??

Are you homebound but want to be around other seniors? Did you know there are center seniors and programs in El Cerrito that can provide opportunities to meet friendly people.

Mondays, 9am-3pm: Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito. Contact: Carol Kehoe at (510) 915-6120.

Tuesdays, 9am-3pm: St. John's Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Avenue, El Cerrito. Contact: Buddy Akaic at XXX-XXX-XXXX

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8:30am-2:30pm: Sakura Kai Senior, 5625 Sutter Ave, Richmond. Contact: Yasuyo Floyd at (510) 523-2316. This center is for Japanese speaking adults.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-12pm (beginning September 4, 2024), Drop-in Senior Social Time at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane in El Cerrito.

The Recreation Department will provide space for seniors to gather to meet with friends to visit, play cards or games or just hang out and meet new people. \$1 suggested contribution of coffee. To learn more, call (510) 559-7000 or email recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

SENIOR PEER COUNSELING (FREE)

Connect with fellow seniors trained to provide support with challenges such as depression, fear, loneliness, isolation, or loss of a loved one. Services are available in English or Spanish. Appointments required. Contact Abraham Aviles-Scott, LMFT at (925) 521-5653 or email abran.aviles-scott@cchealth.org.

NEED TRANSPORTATION?

Easy Ride Senior and Disabled Transportation Program for El Cerrito residents ages 65 and older only. Service within El Cerrito and limited locations outside El Cerrito city limits is available Monday through Thursday by appointment. \$2.00 per one-way trip. Tickets are sold in multiples of 10. Registration and proof of eligibility are required and must be renewed annually. Advanced reservation required. For information call (510) 559-7000 or email recreation@ci-el-cerrito.ca.us.

Mobility Matters provides FREE door-through-door transportation to seniors and veterans who need escorted rides with volunteer drivers in Contra Costa

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County. Call (925) 284-2207 or visit www.mobilitymatterscc.com for more information.

East Bay Paratransit is a public transit service for people who are unable to use regular buses or trains, like those operated by AC Transit and BART, because of a disability or a health-related condition. Call (510) 287-5000 for more information.

SNIPPETS

VOTE on November 5, 2024

Are you registered to vote? If not, you still have time to make your voices known. You can pick up voter registration forms at the post office, DMV, and library. You must be 18 years old to register to vote. See the registration form for more information visit www.registertovote.ca.gov.

COVID KITS

Would you like to have a COVID kit at your home? Supervisor John Gioia has kits in his office. He is located at 11784 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito, call XXX-XXX-XXXX first.

INFORMED DELIVERY

Did you know the US Postal Service offers this service free of charge and optional notification service that gives eligible residential consumers the ability to see a preview of their letter mail, whenever they are, before it arrives. Participating

consumers receive an email containing grayscale images of the outside of their household's letter-sized mail pieces that will be arriving soon. Notification can also be viewed on the dashboard at informedelivery.usps.com. Notifications are not sent on days when there is no mail service to be delivered or on Sundays or federal holidays. For more information visit www.usps.com/informed-delivery.

HOW SENIORS CAN AVOID SCAMS AND ABUSE:

Seniors are regarded as vulnerable and preyed upon by criminals, telemarketers, and even family and friends. Here are some tips on how to avoid fraud.

- Hang up on suspicious telemarketers
- Don't give personal information to people you don't know unless you initiated the contact
- Don't let yourself get pressured into a verbal agreement or signing a contract
- Be skeptical of online charitable solicitations and other online offers
- If interested, ask to receive the information in the mail and check to be sure the company is legitimate
- Never agree to pay for products or services in advance

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- Get estimates and ask for references on home repair offers and other products and services
- If you suspect fraud, call the police immediately
- Don't wire money. Once you send it, you can't get it back. Don't wire money even if someone sends you a check, tells you to deposit it and wire some of the money back to them. This is a fake check scam, and the bank will want you to repay the money you withdrew and sent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6, 2024. It is the nation's night out against crime. Residents are encouraged to join with their neighbors to have a neighborhood block party. If you don't know your neighbors, this is an excellent way to meet old and new. Please check the city's website at www.el-cerrito.org/national-night-out for outings in your neighborhood. This is a great way to meet your neighbors.

Fall Prevention Awareness: Do you have concerns about falling? Presenters from Meals on Wheels Diablo Region will share information about fall prevention and "A Matter of Balance" on Monday, August 19, 2024, 10am-12pm, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

Are you interested in learning tips on how to age successfully at home? Gerontology specialists with Herewith Caregiving will share information on "Aging Successfully at Home" on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 1pm-2pm at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Call (510) 559-7000 for more information.

SPEAKERS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN SENIOR CENTER

Are you interested in hearing about interesting topics? Different speakers present each Monday at Christ Lutheran Senior Center, 780 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito, Mondays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Here's a partial list of upcoming speakers: July 22, 2024 – Talk with Dr. Pansy Kwong
July 29, 2024 – Getting a Book Published
August 19, 2024 - Kaiser

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 6pm-8pm
- Line Dance Special Event at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Line Dance instruction and light refreshments included. \$10 per person. Call (510) 559-7000 or email recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us for more information.



BIENNIAL WORK PLAN **DRAFT** FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025-2025/2026

COMMITTEE ON AGING

Chair **Dr. Pansy Kwong**; Vice-Chair **Katherine Cesa**; Members **Buddy Akacic, Linda Cain, Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson, Pamela Wagner, Bruce Yow**

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MISSION STATEMENT: The El Cerrito Committee on Aging was formed by City Council Resolution 3559 in June 1973 to advise the Council about the needs of older and/or disabled adult residents. The Committee on Aging addresses immediate concerns and issues concerning senior residents and adults with disabilities and addresses and supports the improvement of their quality of life. When appropriate, recommendations for action are made to the City Council.

The primary duties and purposes for which the Committee on Aging was established are as follows:

- To identify and establish regular communication with El Cerrito's older and/or disabled adults.
- To document needs of older and/or disabled adults living in El Cerrito and identify resources and benefits available from all agencies.
- To develop plans for programs that utilize the resource of talents among El Cerrito's older and/or disabled adults through volunteer opportunities for inclusion in the General Plan and other plans and programs as may be developed.
- To review and evaluate existing and proposed programs within their responsibility and make recommendations to the Council on City action and funding.
- To serve as liaisons with other interested and concerned groups.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The members of the Committee on Aging are appointed by the City Council upon recommendation by the Committee. Membership is open to all interested adult residents of El Cerrito. Anyone wishing to join the Committee must attend three meetings so that they may become familiar with the members and activities of the Committee before making their decision to join.

The Committee's regular meeting date is the third Wednesday of the month. The meeting starts at 3:00 p.m. The Committee meets at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue. The public is invited to attend the meetings. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected annually. The Committee on Aging does not meet in August and December.

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025*Items listed in priority order*

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026*Items listed in priority order*

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion

ONGOING PROJECTS

Project	Activites	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed
Educate and share information about transportation, health care, and other resources available to older and/or disabled adults living in El Cerrito by co-hosting an annual Senior Resource Fair at the Community Center. Strategic Plan Goal: Livability and Belonging Communittee Safety Environmental Sustainability	Invite organizations that offer free or low-cost services for seniors to participate as vendors or event sponsors. Distribute marketing materials and invite seniors in the community to attend the Resource Fair. Volunteer at the Resource Fair.	Marketing Materials/flyers Swag/take home item for attendees Refreshments for volunteers and attendees	
COA Newsletter (Quarterly) Strategic Plan Goal: Livability and Belonging	Gather articles and items of interest for newsletter (citing all sources). Layout newsletter articles/snippets. Committee review and edit document and approve for publication. Print and distribute newsletter.	Newsletter layout Printing Paper	Approximately 2-3 hours per month

Centenarian Recognition (Quarterly) Strategic Plan Goal: Livability and Belonging	Recognize residents turning 100-years or older through the Mayoral Certificate of Recognition. Submit names, birth dates, and contact information to staff liaison. Confirm physical address and that individual(s) are still living in El Cerrito and report findings to staff liaison by due date.		
Accessibility/ADA Strategic Plan Goal: Community Safety, Livability and Belonging	Identify and report accessibility issues preventing seniors and/or disabled residents from safely accessing programs, services, parks and buildings in El Cerrito.		

PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Updated annually by July 1 and provided to City Council on Consent

Goal/Objective	Activites Supporting Goal	Status

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WORK PLAN

Priority Ranking	Goal/Objective	Proposed Activities	Work Group Assignment	Timeline For Completion
1.	(Communication/Outreach) Improve communication and outreach to older adults living in El Cerrito. - Educate seniors in areas of health care and legislation affecting older adults. - Share information about public transportation resources available to older and/or disabled adults who are no longer able to drive themselves. - Identify and educate seniors living in El Cerrito of free and low-cost senior programs and support services.	A) COA members work with the Recreation Department to host a Senior Resource Fair. Committee members assist with the event by: - Inviting potential organizations to participate in the event. - Inviting seniors to attend the event. - Volunteering at the event. B) COA members identify and invite potential presentation topics and presenters and work with the Recreation Department staff and one-day per week Senior Centers to promote presentation dates at the El Cerrito Community Center and one-day per week Senior Centers in El Cerrito. C) COA members gather information for publication in Outreach Newsletters and distribute published outreach newsletters to seniors in El Cerrito. D) COA members share information regarding locations of community bulletin boards in El Cerrito where seniors can find	Wagner, Dr. Kwong, Kehoe, Cesa	June 30, 2024

		information about programs, services, and events.		
2.	Advocate for a more walkable El Cerrito for seniors and disabled residents.	A) Committee members invite City Public Works staff to provide an update on the San Pablo Specific Plan. B) Committee members walk San Pablo Ave in El Cerrito and make note of areas of concern for senior and disabled residents (such as uneven sidewalks, safety concerns, etc.). C) Committee members walk city parks and neighborhoods in El Cerrito and identify areas of concern related to walkability and accessibility for senior and disabled residents (such as uneven sidewalks, steep paths, safety concerns, and lack of benches/places to rest, etc.). D) Prepare a recommendation to the City Council encouraging their support and direction to rectify identified areas of concern related to walkability in the city.		

ONGOING WORKING GROUP PROJECTS

	Project	Activities	Work Group Assignments
1.	(Liaison Assignments) Serve as Liaison to Area Agency on Aging, Advisory Council on Aging, and West County Senior Coalition, Senior Living Facilities in El Cerrito and one day Senior Centers in El Cerrito.	A) Report back to the committee on topics of interest discussed at meetings. B) Report back to the committee on information about programs, services, and activities involving senior living facilities in El Cerrito including Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor, Hana Gardens, and El Cerrito Royale. C) Report special events, presentations, or activities happening at one-day per week Senior Centers in El Cerrito including Christ Lutheran Senior Center (Mondays) and St. John's Senior Center (Tuesdays).	Advisory Council on Aging (Kehoe, Lipson) West County Senior Coalition (Cesa, Kehoe) Senior Living Facilities in El Cerrito (James) One-Day Senior Centers in El Cerrito (Kehoe & Akacic)
2.	(Technology for Seniors) Improve senior's knowledge of and access to technology to help seniors in El Cerrito close the digital divide.	A) Identify and share information regarding resources and services available to seniors including free or low-cost internet access, free computer access, low-cost cell phone programs and technology tutoring.	Lipson
3.	(Accessibility/ADA) Identify and report accessibility issues preventing senior and/or disabled residents from safely accessing programs, services, parks, and buildings in the city.	A) Report accessibility issues or concerns within the city of El Cerrito to appropriate city departments. B) Advocate for improved accessibility for older and disabled adults in El Cerrito.	Kehoe
4.	(Centenarian Recognition) Recognize residents turning 100-years old or older through the Mayoral Certificate of Recognition Program.	Quarterly recognition process for Centenarians: 1. COA will submit names, birth dates, and contact information to staff liaison. 2. Staff liaison will give names to the City Clerk responsible for maintaining an active list of Centenarians living in El Cerrito.	Marlia Kehoe

		3. COA verification of list provided by City Clerk (sent quarterly). 4. COA: Confirm physical address and that the individual(s) are still in El Cerrito.	
5.	(Committee on Aging Outreach Newsletter)	1. COA members will prepare and submit articles and announcements on matters of interest to seniors living in El Cerrito. All articles will include references to credible sources where seniors can get more information about the topic. 2. COA will send draft Outreach Newsletters to staff liaison 3 weeks prior to COA meeting in which the newsletter will be reviewed by the committee for a motion to publish.	Wagner Dr. Kwong Kehoe



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIALS

COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, at 3:00p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Public Comments received by 9:00a.m. on July 17, 2024.



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIALS PUBLIC COMMENT INDEX

COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, at 3:00p.m.

The following Public Comments were received by 9:00 a.m. 07/17/2024, were provided directly to Committee on Aging members in advance of the meeting, and were posted online as supplemental materials at:

<https://www.el-cerrito.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=7637>

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Cordell Hindler
2. Jenny Hammer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:59:30 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello Bridget,

I am Submitting the Following comments into the Record:

1. The Committee on Aging Is Invited to the Contra Costa Mayors Conference on October 3rd at 6:30 PM hosted by the City of Richmond Location TBD more info by Next Month
2. Richmond Chamber of Commerce Gala October 4th at 5:30 PM Rigger's Loft \$100 Per Person
3. GRIP Harmony Walk October 5th 9:00 AM Nicholl Park

Sincerely
Cordell



Subject:
Date:



Non-Agenda Public Comment -- Hana Gardens Senior Center
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 10:44:34 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Ms. Cooney,

Please distribute the following public comment to the eight committee members, and Council Liaison Fadelli, prior to the 3:00 meeting of the Committee on Aging today.

Thank you very much.

Jenny Hammer

Dear Committee on Aging members,

The “Senior Center” on the ground floor of Hana Gardens is, unfortunately, not as its two prominent signs advertise.

Many people I have spoken with have been attracted by the “Senior Center” signage, thinking the facility was an actual senior center, only to find an empty and locked space, creating both disappointment and confusion.

I recommend that — since the signage at Hana Gardens is a prominent visual draw to seniors — the windows at this location should, at the very least, serve as an informational way-finding station, utilized to post current locally available senior activities and services.

Such a listing could/should include:

1. current and complete pages of the Committee on Aging’s Newsletter;
2. the schedule of programs and classes from the most current Rec Guide’s Seniors 60+ pages (pages 9-11);
3. the times, locations, and offerings of non-City programs and services for seniors (separate from their listing in the Committee on Aging’s Newsletter);
4. a separate printout of the monthly menu of Cafe Costa and the attendant directions for how and when to utilize that service;
5. the calendar for and location of the Committee on Aging’s meetings;
6. The WCC brochure of Older Adult Education Programs offerings;
7. separate listings of food banks and food services.

Implementing this low cost fix to replace the centralized information center previously offered at the, now defunct, Open House Senior Center, would make the Hana Gardens location useful, in a small but meaningful way, to the seniors it attracts.

Thank you for your attention and response.

Jenny Hammer

cc: Chris Jones, Recreation Director
Bridget Cooney, Recreation Supervisor
Mark DeLeon, Community Services Coordinator