



Council Agenda Report

From: Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Subject: Affirmation of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Liaison Appointment to the San Luis Obispo County Master Plan on Aging

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: October 1, 2024

Facts

1. San Luis Obispo County is developing a Master Plan for Aging (MPA) and it is modeled on the State of California's first-ever MPA program released in January 2021. The County's MPA aims to identify and meet the needs of older adults (60+ years of age), individuals with disabilities, and caregivers.
2. Consistent with the State program, the local program's efforts center on five goals – (1) Housing for all ages and stages; (2) Healthcare that works; (3) Inclusion and equity, not isolation; (4) Caregiving that works; and (5) Affordable aging.
3. Starting in July, SLO County and national consulting firm Health Management Association (HMA) initiated a series of Town Hall meetings where residents could learn more about the plan, participate in a survey, and share their opinions on where the County should focus in the next 3-5 years.
4. The County and HMA have also issued a Survey of Caregivers and a Survey of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities where community members can express their opinions on the priorities and needs of these groups over the next five years.
5. Linda Beck, facilitator for the SLO County MPA Advisory Committee spoke to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) at their June 10, 2024 meeting and requested that the committee follow and participate in the planning process. SCAC member Mara Whitten is a member of the County MPA Advisory Committee in her professional capacity.
6. At SCAC's September 9, 2024 meeting, the Committee passed unanimously by voice vote to bring forward the name of Dan Rodriguez to City Council to be the liaison representing the SCAC at the County's MPA planning meetings. The SCAC bylaws require that a majority of Council affirm the assignment.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Affirm the assignment of Senior Citizens Advisory Committee member Dan Rodriguez as advisory body liaison to the San Luis Obispo County's Master Plan on Aging;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

San Luis Obispo County recently initiated the development of a Master Plan on Aging (MPA) which is modeled on the State of California's first-ever MPA program release in January 2021. The County's MPA

aims to identify and meet the needs of older adults (60+ years of age), individuals with disabilities, and caregivers. The SLO County MPA Advisory Committee intends to hold a series of Town Hall meetings, surveys, and other information gathering opportunities across the county.

SCAC expressed interest in following and participating in the development of the MPA. By establishing a liaison SCAC will have a unique opportunity to provide feedback that will be used to develop the MPA and be sure the interests of Paso Robles residents are considered throughout the process. At the September 9, 2024 SCAC meeting, the Committee passed unanimously by voice vote to bring forward the name of Dan Rodriguez to City Council to be the liaison representing the SCAC at the County's MPA planning meetings. The SCAC bylaws require that a majority of Council affirm the assignment.

Fiscal Impact

None.

CEQA

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Recommendation (Option 2)

Affirm the assignment of Senior Citizens Advisory Committee member Dan Rodriguez as advisory body liaison to the San Luis Obispo County Master Plan on Aging.