

# Agenda Report

August 17, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Human Services and Recreation

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2.120 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION FROM 11 TO 13 MEMBERS**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
2. Direct the City Attorney to prepare and return with an ordinance within 60 days amending Chapter 2.120 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to increase the membership of the Senior Commission from 11 to 13 members and designate each of the new positions to be held by representatives of the Pasadena Senior Center and the Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network respectively.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At its May 14, 2015 Senior Commission Meeting, the Commission's Membership Ad Hoc Committee recommended that two additional agency members be added to the Commission to support its work plan given the growing population of seniors in Pasadena, and the greater focus the City is placing on addressing these needs.

The Ad Hoc Committee further recommended that the additional agency appointments be designated from the Pasadena Senior Center and the Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network. These agencies represent the largest older-adult serving organizations in Pasadena. Although both agencies currently have professional staff serving as agency representative members on the Commission, such designation would guarantee representation by these important agencies and help ensure that gaps in services are

met. Having agency appointees from Huntington Hospital and the Senior Center is similar to the specific agency representatives serving on the Human Services Commission which includes Pasadena City College and Pasadena Unified School District plus two from the broader service provider community.

The Pasadena Senior Center and the Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network are at the forefront of best practices and research around healthy aging trends and provide a range of direct services to both active and homebound older adults. These agencies have a long history of successfully serving the needs of older adults.

At present, the Senior Commission consists of 11 members, including two members recommended for nomination from human services agencies providing services in Pasadena. The addition of Pasadena Senior Center and Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network would bring the commission membership to a total of 13. This membership figure is consistent with the Human Services and Recreation Commission, which also has two specific assigned Pasadena-based agency representatives and three at large representatives. Staff proposes that the Pasadena Senior Center representative and the Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network representative need not reside within the boundaries of Pasadena, but must be actively employed by the agency they are representing which is consistent with the Human Services Commission. Having broader professional cross-sector representation on the Senior Commission will directly benefit the residents of Pasadena.

Given the increasing concerns around the growing older adult population, the membership enhancements will help inform the next update of the Senior Master plan, which is expected in FY 17, which identifies the following as critical areas of need for seniors in Pasadena:

- Staying informed by Best Practices
- Life Long Learning
- Volunteer/Employment
- Quality of Life (recreation, social activities, caregiver challenges, reassurance programs)
- Access to Food and Nutrition
- Access to Dental Care and Immunizations
- Transportation
- Housing/Homeless Prevention
- Community Outreach and Awareness of Services
- Availability of Adult Day Care (Social Model)
- Promoting Successful Aging
- Service Capacity (staffing and programming space with experience and facility amenities)
- Strengthen Human Services (case management approach to address needs of whole person)
- Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention
- Disaster Preparedness

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed membership enhancement meets the City Council's strategic goals of promoting greater quality of life and the local economy by supporting the healthy aging of older adults and supporting their access to community resources and mobility to engage in community life.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The action proposed herein is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. The addition of two new membership positions to the Senior Commission is an organizational and administrative action that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

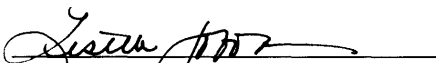
Respectfully submitted,



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