

Culver CITY

AGE-FRIENDLY

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Creating an Equitable Environment for Everyone to Age Well

Presented By: Francisca Castillo - Recreation and Community Services Manager - Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Culver CITY

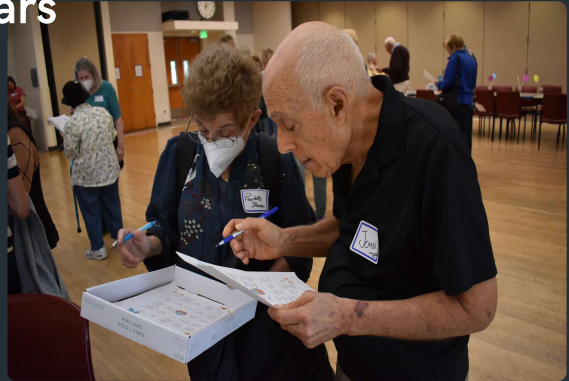
Culver City Age-Friendly Needs Assessment 2024

1. Age-Friendly Communities
2. Community Background
3. Methodology
4. Key Findings
5. Comparisons
6. Top Needs
7. Next Steps



Culver CITY

- World Health Organization & AARP Movement in 2018
- Age - Friendly Planning Process Started 2019
- Put on Hold During Covid Years
- Reactivated 2024



Age-Friendly Communities

Culver CITY

ABOUT THE SENIOR POPULATION

Race/Ethnicity

56%
White

18%
Asian

15%
Mixed Race

8%
African
American/
Black

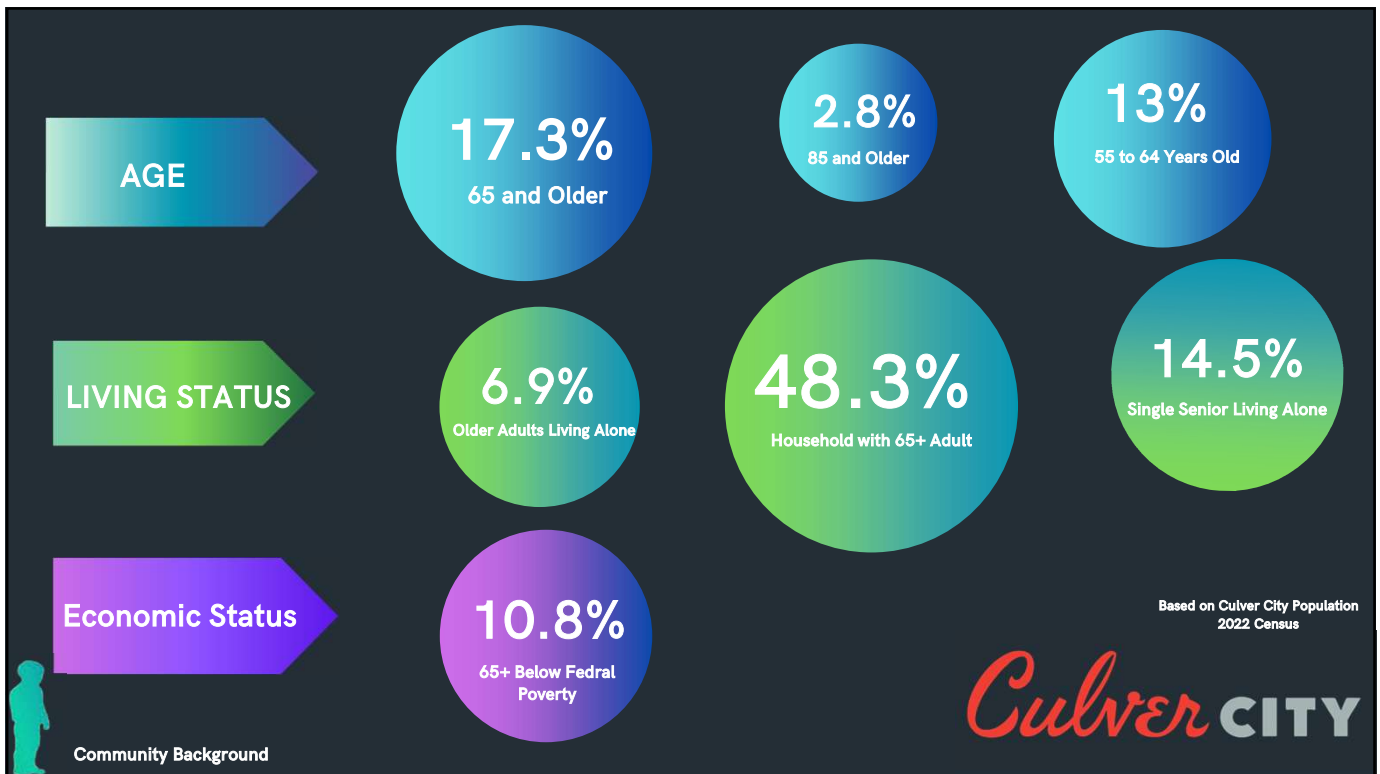
3%
Other

1%
Native
American

20%
Hispanic/LatinX



Community Background



Culver CITY

- Phase 1 "Check In" With Community
 - Nancy Frank - Consultant
- Six Community Meetings
 - Forty-Four Community Members
- Sixteen Interviews
 - Twenty-three City Staff Members

Methods

Good Place to Age

- The Senior Center
- Walkable Downtown (+ & -)
- Social (Restaurants & Entertainment)
- Free, Low-Cost Transportation (+ & -)
- Proximity to Other Cities and Places of Interest
- Access to Healthcare
- Weather



Key

Findings

Unmet Needs:

1. Housing
2. Streets and Transportation
3. Outdoor Spaces and Safety
4. Social and Civic Engagement, Inclusion and Jobs
5. Health and Human Services
6. Communications, Technology, and Access to Information



Key Findings: Unmet Needs

Housing

- More Low-Income and Affordable Housing for Seniors
- More Accessible Housing for Aging in Place
- Affordable Supported Living Options
 - In-Home Support

Streets & Transportation

- Reliability and Safety
- More Free Parking is Needed
- Traffic
- Sidewalks and Bike Lanes



Key Findings: Housing, Streets & Transportation

Outdoor Spaces & Safety

- Maintenance in Parks
 - Bathrooms
 - Benches
 - Shade
 - Drinking Fountains
- Support in Emergency Preparedness

Social & Civic Engagement, Inclusion & Jobs

- Outreach to a Wider Community
- Outreach to Homebound Seniors
- Access to Information on Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities



Key Findings: Outdoor Spaces & Safety; Social & Civic Engagement, Inclusion, & Jobs

Health & Human Services

- Mental Health Resources
- Affordable In-Home Care
- Plan for Healthy Aging

Communications, Technology & Access to Information

- Desire of Single Resource for New Information
- Multiply Sources Needed for Outreach
- Help with Technology



Key Findings: Health & Human Services; Communications, Technology, & Access to Information

Findings and Needs are Consistent With Other National, State and Local Assessments



Comparisons

COMMON THEMES	NATIONAL	CALIFORNIA	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	CULVER CITY
HOUSING	• Affordable & accessible housing	• Housing for all stages & ages	• Prevent homelessness, aging in place, rent	• Affordable, accessible housing, last-mile transportation support
	• Aging in place, preventing homelessness	• Climate-friendly aging, more housing options	• Land use policies to support aging in place	• Need for parking, drop-off zones, and benches in high-density areas
SOCIAL PARTICIPATION & ISOLATION	• Age-friendly communities, reducing isolation	• Inclusion & equity for all groups	• Expand intergenerational social opportunities	• Senior center activities, reduce isolation through community
		• Bridging the digital divide, work & volunteer opportunities	• Engage older adults in arts and social programs to reduce isolation	• Focus on senior participation in parks and public spaces
TRANSPORTATION	• Implied through accessible communities	• Transportation beyond cars	• Ensure transportation meets older adult needs	• Parking, drop-off zones, benches for those unable to walk
		• Age-friendly transportation systems	• Safe walking in communities	
HEALTH & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	• Increased access to long-term services	• Aging in place, health care access	• Community-based health promotion, dementia services, dental care	• Caregiver training, mental health services, independent living support
	• Addressing social determinants of health	• Geriatric care expansion, dementia focus	• Health promotion & disease prevention programs	• Early intervention & case management services
COMMUNITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	• Coordinated services & resilience	• Emergency preparedness & climate-friendly aging	• Emergency preparedness for older adults with functional needs	• Improved emergency preparedness, benches & shade in public spaces
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	• Not explicitly mentioned	• Leadership in aging, work & volunteer opportunities	• Expand volunteer opportunities for older adults	• Maintain robust community engagement, connect to employment

Highest Priority Needs

1. Housing
 - a. More, More affordable, More accessible, Continuum of Care Options
2. Health and Human Services
 - a. Isolation Reduction
 - b. Caregiver Support
 - c. Independent Living
 - d. Activities in Diverse Areas
 - e. Mental Health and Case Management Services
3. Transportation
 - a. Parking
 - b. Drop-off Zones
4. Outdoor Spaces
 - a. Benches
 - b. Shade
5. Communications
 - a. Simple Source
 - b. Technology



Top Needs



Culver CITY

Culver CITY

Action Planning

- Gather Key Representatives
- Identify Criteria for Prioritizing Needs
- Brainstorm with Key Players
- Establish Leadership
- Identify and Seek Funding
- Establish Accountability Methods



Next Steps

The Culver City's Action Planning is Currently Envisioned to Begin in Spring 2025.

Culver CITY

AGE-FRIENDLY

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Creating an Equitable Environment for Everyone to Age Well

Presented By: Francisca Castillo - Recreation and Community Services Manager - Parks, Recreation and Community Services