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Implementing the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative

The population of Los Angeles County (County) is aging rapidly. In 2000, older adults comprised 9.7 percent of the County’s population and by 2030, this is expected to double to 18.2 percent. To prepare for this major demographic shift, the County and the City of Los Angeles (City) joined with other partners in 2016 to launch Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA) – a countywide, multi-year effort that unites public and private leadership, resources, ideas and strategies to improve the lives of older adults and Angelenos of all ages.

On May 18, 2016, the County joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, committing to a two-year, age-friendly planning process followed by a three-year age-friendly implementation phase. On August 16, 2016, our Board approved a motion directing Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to collaborate with more than 20 County Departments and entities to develop the PALA Initiative through a robust, countywide planning and stakeholder engagement effort leading to the formulation of a three-year Age-Friendly Action Plan. On November 16, 2016, our

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Board approved the County's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, which incorporated PALA as one of nine objectives to deliver comprehensive and seamless services to those seeking assistance from the County.

During the past two years, the County and City created and launched a major, countywide survey in ten languages to identify community priorities for enhancing age-friendliness across eight livability domains examined through PALA, including 1) transportation, 2) housing, 3) social participation, 4) civic participation and employment, 5) communication and information, 6) community support and health services, 7) outdoor spaces and buildings, and 8) emergency preparedness and resilience.

The County and City created an advisory group comprised of community leaders and established working groups to engage senior County and City employees from more than 20 Departments and Offices. The County and City partnered with AARP to conduct listening sessions with older adults and intergenerational residents in ten communities throughout the County and launched an Annual Older Adult Summit to engage older adults and connect them to services and resources. The County and City initiated presentations to and meetings with cities and councils of governments throughout the County to engage them in our age-friendly planning efforts. To date, Culver City, Glendale, Long Beach and West Hollywood are pursuing age-friendly strategies as members of the AARP and WHO Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

As the culmination of these efforts, WDACS transmitted to our Board on July 26, 2018, the Age-Friendly Action Plan for the Los Angeles Region. The Plan contains 34 recommendations to our Board and the Mayor of Los Angeles to enhance age-

friendliness across the eight livability domains. Approximately 100 County and City subject matter experts and community leaders were convened to develop the recommendations. The Plan also contains analysis of the countywide survey and issue briefs for each livability domain developed by research scientists from the University of Southern California, University of California-Los Angeles and California State University-Los Angeles, who provided their expertise on a voluntary basis as a service to residents in the Los Angeles Region.

The Board applauds the strategic and inclusive process that occurred in developing the Age-Friendly Action Plan and must ensure the strategies are implemented in a coordinated and effective manner, with measurable outcomes, and that implementation efforts involve robust engagement of the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles, businesses, community-based organizations, residents and other partners and stakeholders.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Approve the PALA Recommendations as outlined in the Age-Friendly Action Plan submitted to our Board on July 26, 2018;
2. Direct WDACS, in coordination with all County Departments and entities identified as Lead and Supporting Agencies (impacted Departments) in the Age-Friendly Action Plan to collaborate in implementing the recommendations, including by: developing and executing implementation plans for each recommendation that outline specific timelines and actions; identifying and tracking outcomes to measure the success in implementing each of the recommendations; and coordinating age-friendly implementation efforts with

other cities in the County, in particular those already pursuing age-friendly strategies; and

3. Direct WDACS, in coordination with all impacted Departments to report to the Board in writing in six months and annually thereafter on the status of implementing the Age-Friendly Action Plan, including an update on metrics developed and outcomes achieved to enhance the County's age-friendliness.