COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

MINUTE ORDER NO. 6

SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW
There are approximately 959,000 San Diegans over the age of 55, and by 2030, that number is expected to grow to more than 1.1 million. San Diego County's over-85 population is projected to diversify and grow more than any other age group. Thus, it is crucial that we take the needs of our region's older adults into account as we plan for the future. Launched at the direction of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 24, 2019 (4), the Aging Roadmap is the County of San Diego's (County) plan to ensure that the region has communities and programs that equitably support the needs and celebrate the contributions of the growing population of older adults in the San Diego region. The Aging Roadmap serves as the County's framework for aging and identifies goals and action steps in ten priority areas:
· Health & Community Support
· Housing
· Social Participation
· Transportation
· Dementia
· Caregiver Support
· Safety
· Preparedness & Response
· The Silver Economy
· Medical & Social Services

This annual report provides an update on Aging Roadmap progress and accomplishments. It also describes activities in the past fiscal year to engage older adults and older adult service providers in updating the Aging Roadmap goals to further advance equity in aging. For each of the ten priority areas, the report describes accomplishments and next steps towards reaching the vision for that area.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting older adults and persons with disabilities to live healthy, safe, and thriving lives and helping to ensure a community that is livable for people of all ages. The Aging Roadmap aligns with and supports the Board's Framework for Our Future by actively working on assessing and improving equity across Aging Roadmap programs and services to ensure equity for people of all ages to include Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Receive update on the Aging Roadmap.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
Principles of equity are incorporated across all ten Aging Roadmap priority areas. Recognizing the diversity of San Diego County's population, the Aging Roadmap represents a commitment to ensuring that all residents can age well while accessing needed services. Equity continues to be prioritized in all aspects of program planning, community engagement, and service accessibility. In the past year, discussions and events focused on equity and reaching diverse audiences. An "Aging + Equity" Virtual Workshop was hosted in partnership with County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS), the Office of Equitable Communities, the Department of Human Resources, and the AIS Advisory Council, among others. The event offered simultaneous oral translation in English, Spanish, and Arabic so participants of various languages could engage in meaningful discussions in real time. This event is an example of how to advance equity and weave equity, diversity, and inclusion into all ten Aging Roadmap priority areas by providing a space for people of all backgrounds to participate. Moving forward, community partners will continue to be closely involved in these conversations and an equity lens will be applied to planning specific programs across the Aging Roadmap priority areas. To ensure that AIS is sufficiently meeting the needs of the community, AIS will continue to seek community input and feedback to promote collaboration between the County, community organizations and members of the public. Strategic promotion and accessibility of community team meetings and Area Plan Public Feedback Forums will be prioritized in order to engage diverse groups across the county. Additionally, AIS will continue to pursue opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration to effectively and efficiently address what is heard from the community.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT
The Aging Roadmap represents the County of San Diego's comprehensive system of care, including person-centered and community-wide efforts. Working with partners to improve and expand programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities will advance the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals: engage the community; provide just and equitable access to County services; and promote health and wellbeing. The Aging Roadmap considers the unique needs of older adults and how environmental factors, such as extreme heat and fires, can impact this population more severely because of challenges like limited mobility and increased frailty. The Aging Roadmap will continue to elevate the needs and considerations of older adults in the region's discussions and plans for sustainability, to ensure residents can thrive in a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment.

FISCAL IMPACT
There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

ACTION:
ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Signed
    by   Andrew Potter