

RESOLUTION NO. 14-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING A MARICOPA AGE FRIENDLY MARICOPA INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, currently 6.4 percent of residents in the City of Maricopa are 65 years and more; and

WHEREAS, the number of people aged 65 years and more in the Metropolitan Statistical Area of Maricopa and Pinal Counties is projected to increase by 40 percent by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, regional surveys indicate older adults want to remain living independently in their community with strong connections to an active lifestyle with people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to supplement traditional aging service programs with innovative new approaches that are responsive to changing priorities; and

WHEREAS, the current and upcoming generations of older adults are among the most talented, educated, and healthiest populations of older adults and have significant skills to share; and

WHEREAS, transportation and social isolation are identified as the foremost concerns of older adults living in this region; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of dedicated groups such as the Copa Seniors and Maricopa Seniors that engage older adults in positive ways that provide a foundation for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council strive to maintain a strong community that connects people of all generations to each other and with opportunities to meaningfully contribute to the City of Maricopa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. That the Members of the Maricopa City Council support the development of an age-friendly initiative in the City of Maricopa with the goal of connecting older adults with people of all generations and offer opportunities to meaningfully participate in their community.

Section 2. That the Members of the Maricopa City Council hereby form an Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Council comprising of community representatives, older adults, representatives from the faith and business communities, nonprofit agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.

Section 3. That the Members of the Maricopa City Council authorize the City Manager to

hire a part time staff person to coordinate the Age-Friendly Maricopa Initiative.

Section 4. That the Age-Friendly Maricopa Initiative will conduct community outreach and data analysis to identify priorities, develop a business plan to ensure long-term financial sustainability to address the priorities, and implement a new program to connect older adults with people of all ages.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 1st day of July, 2014.

APPROVED:

Christian Price
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Vanessa Bueras, CMC
City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons
City Attorney