



April 5, 2018

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the 2nd Annual Older Adult Summit.

Los Angeles is home to more than one-half million residents aged 60 or older, and that number is expected to double over the next two decades.

I am strongly committed to honoring our older adult population and that is why in 2016, I issued Executive Directive 17, instructing our City departments to consider older Angelenos as they develop their policies and programs. Since then, we have implemented exciting new changes, such as offering free classes and activities to older adults at our Recreation and Park's Wellness sites, providing onsite library services to homebound older adults, and identifying improvements in the City's transportation operations.

Because the challenges of an aging population go beyond our city's limits, the City and the County of Los Angeles have partnered to launch the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative. Since our launch, thousands have completed a robust survey that asked residents to share their needs and aspirations for an age-friendly city. We have engaged experts to help develop recommendations based on that feedback and are continuing to work with our City departments to address our aging population's needs. Our efforts to engage diverse internal and external stakeholders and community members will help inform City and County leaders in developing a three-year "Age Friendly Action Plan" for the Los Angeles region, which will be implemented from 2018 to 2021.

We are committed to serving our older adult population and I ask each and every one of you here today to join me in this important work. Best wishes for a memorable event and for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti".

ERIC GARCETTI

Mayor, City of Los Angeles