



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE* (AKA Housing & Transportation Committee)

May 13, 2015

11:00 AM (following Advisory Council meeting) to Noon

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center
646 County Square Drive, Ventura (805) 477-7300

AGENDA

Chair – Mel Silberberg

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Re-Launch and Revitalization of the Committee – C. Voth
 - a. New meeting time and day
 - b. Committee's relationship to other Advisory Council committees
 - c. Sharpening focus, revisiting the vision, goals/objectives
 - d. Review of committee's many significant achievements
4. County of Ventura General Plan – M. Silberberg
5. Meeting with County Planners Group – V. Jump
6. Transportation Report – B. Shepherd
7. Home Share Report
8. Other Committee Involvement/Notification – if any:
 - a. Health Issues Committee
 - b. Legislative Committee
 - c. Optimal Aging Committee
 - d. Outreach Committee
 - e. Planning and Allocation Committee
 - f. Senior Nutrition Committee
9. Information Items:
 - a. *Best Cities for Successful Aging* by the Milken Institute, 2014. This informative report is viewable at this interactive website:
<http://successfulaging.milkeninstitute.org/bcsa2014.html>
 - b. *Ride to Wellness (attached)*
10. Next Meeting Date – July 8, 2015 from 11 AM to Noon

***Livable Communities Committee** is the new “working title” of the Housing & Transportation Committee. The committee will continue to function as the Housing & Transportation Committee (pursuant to Advisory Council by-laws). Using the phrase, *Livable Communities*, in the name is more reflective of the committee’s purpose, and is consistent with contemporary jargon.

The **Livable Communities Committee** focuses on affordable housing and transportation issues that face Ventura County involving persons aged 60 and older, and persons with disabilities. The goal is to help older adults, and persons with disabilities, to remain living as independently as possible in Ventura County; and to advocate for policies and programs that will provide this population with access to transportation as well as a safe and affordable home environment. Activities include:

TRANSPORTATION:

- Identify transportation issues and resources in each community;
- Identify, establish and maintain a relationship with transportation providers and stakeholders relative to addressing transportation issues.
- Help seniors who do not drive by identifying, advocating for, and educating them about, alternate transportation (including education about route systems and time schedules of local transit);

HOUSING:

- Identify housing issues and resources in each community;
 - Identify the need for affordable housing for older adults, and advocate for such housing.
 - Advocate for the incorporation of Aging in Place concepts, including Universal Design, in affordable housing.
 - Identify, establish and maintain a relationship with community-based organizations, city and County planners, and other stakeholders to address housing issues.
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