



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INCORPORATE A BROADER SCOPE OF SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES INTO ITS ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii leads the country in longevity and the proportion of the State's population over 60 is expected to grow, reaching more than a quarter of the overall population of Oahu by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have a long standing tradition of honoring and caring for our kupuna in recognition of their many years of hard work, the wisdom and guidance they impart to the younger generations, and their continued contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City and County of Honolulu ("City") joined the AARP's National Network of Age-Friendly Communities, an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the City published the "Making Honolulu an Age-Friendly City" action plan, aiming to make Oahu a more accessible and inclusive place for residents of all ages and to promote "active aging"; and

WHEREAS, among the domains outlined in this action plan are Communication and Social Involvement, Civic Participation and Employment, and Community Support and Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the over 11,000 senior centers nationwide address each of these domains by offering a range of services including social events, cultural programming, meals, physical fitness and wellness activities, adult education classes, job support and training, volunteer placement, transportation, referrals, and intergenerational engagement; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older adults who participate in senior center activities are more effective at managing chronic disease and show improvement in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, senior centers and the services they provide are particularly important to older adults who have limited incomes and who struggle with disabilities and social isolation; and



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WHEREAS, the Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) of the Department of Community Services lists a handful of senior centers in its "Senior Information and Assistance Handbook" that they contract with to provide such services to Oahu's kupuna; and

WHEREAS, the EAD's "Four-Year Plan on Aging," adopted under Resolution 15-229, recognizes the need for the division to collaborate with community non-profits to address unmet needs and to develop solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the EAD and the City Administration as a whole could do more to leverage their existing partnerships with Oahu's senior centers to provide a wider breadth of senior activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Administration to incorporate a broader scope of senior center activities into its Elderly Affairs Division programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the City Administration to leverage its partnerships with these centers in ways that will enable our kupuna to live with independence, meaning, and dignity throughout their retirement years; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Community Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ami N. Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB - 1 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 02/01/17 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY
AND CUSTOMER
SERVICES

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INCORPORATE A BROADER SCOPE OF SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES INTO ITS ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION PROGRAMS.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

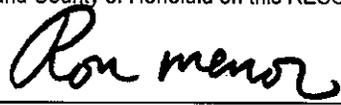
02/07/17 PARKS, COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES CR-57 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.

02/22/17 COUNCIL CR-57 AND RESOLUTION 17-40 WERE ADOPTED.
9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER