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## **HELP ELEVATE VILLAGES IN THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR AGING!**

A National Plan for Aging is being developed to guide aging policies & initiatives across the United States with a strategic framework around key domains like Age-Friendly Communities, Coordinated Housing, Long-Term Services & Integrated Healthcare.

Now is our chance to ensure the village model is recognized and incorporated into this national framework. Villages provide invaluable community-based support that aligns perfectly with the goals of the National Plan. We've provided suggested survey responses that will amplify the village model and ensure it has a prominent voice in this crucial planning process.

**TAKE THE SURVEY HERE:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYBTPG8>

**The survey responses are due by September 15.** Let's work together to make villages an integral part of the National Plan for Aging!

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### ***1. What do you like about the Strategic Framework for a National Plan on Aging?***

The four domains for supporting older adults provide an essential framework for policymakers and advocates to address the nation's aging demographic. The village model aligns with each of these four domains. Villages are a crucial part of the strategies and initiatives that ensure our nation's aging population has the support they need to age well.

### ***2. What could be added to the Strategic Framework for a National Plan on Aging?***

The framework outlines important strategies, but the national network of over 300 villages provides innovative, practical solutions that align with the plan's key domains. The village model should be explicitly included in the National Plan for Aging, just as it

has been recognized in state plans like California's. Villages excel at connecting older adults to their communities, programming, and necessary resources - empowering them to age in place with purpose and independence. Incorporating the village model is crucial for the success of this national framework.

***3. Coordinated Housing and Supportive Services - What do you need in your home to live independently? What about your home makes it harder to live independently? What changes to your home and community would help you live more independently?***

The village model is centered around the ability for older adults to age in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities. This model provides wrap-around support from volunteer caregivers in the community to help with daily tasks like grocery shopping, in-home care, and transportation.

***4. Age-Friendly Communities - What supports you in connecting with people and opportunities that support your health and well-being? What are some things that make it hard to connect with people and engage in activities that support your health and well-being? What would make it easier to remain connected with people and opportunities for your health and well-being?***

The village model is inherently one of connection and inclusion. Villages offer many opportunities for social engagement and volunteerism through village-sponsored programming and support services that build a sense of purpose and meaning in people's lives. Villages are the antidote to social isolation because they are person-centered, community-based, and responsive to the unique needs of the people in their communities.

***5. Increased Access to Long-Term Services and Supports - Do you have enough support to keep living independently in your home and community as you age? What are some things that make it hard to get the support you need to live independently as you age? What would make it easier to get the support you need to live independently as you age?***

The village model enables greater economic security for older adults by allowing them to remain in their homes longer, preserving their financial resources and ensuring those resources are available to them over the long haul. Villages thus also help protect national financial resources by leveraging community support to meet the needs of aging adults, reducing their need for public benefits.

***6. Aligned Health Care and Supportive Services - What health and social services support your health, well-being, and functioning? Are there things about the health and social services available in your community that make it harder to support your health, well-being, and functioning? What changes in the health and social services available in your community would help support your health, well-being, and functioning as you age?***

Villages have a built-in infrastructure for delivering social care alongside health care. This includes assistance with transportation, shopping, food preparation, laundry, companionship, and social connection. Villages provide these supports through volunteers and community caregivers who facilitate services in the homes of older adults.

***7. Is there anything else you would like to add?***

The village model of care is a comprehensive system that supports older adults in navigating the transitions of aging while remaining in their homes and communities. It addresses multiple factors of well-being, from basic health and safety needs to housing, transportation, and community engagement. Villages are a person-centered, caregiver-friendly, and community-driven approach that aligns with strategies for implementing the Framework for the National Plan for Aging.

**THANKS FOR TAKING THE SURVEY & ADVOCATING FOR VILLAGES!**

**Please share with other members of villages and encourage their support before Sunday, September 15th.**

For more information on the Strategic Framework for the National Plan on Aging, visit: <https://acl.gov/ICC-Aging>