

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Julian M. Willis, County Administrator

FROM: Jennifer Moreland, Director

**DATE:** November 17, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Aging-Friendly Communities Presentation

## **Background:**

The Commission on Aging advocates for the well-being of seniors and individuals with disabilities and advises the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Office on Aging on how to better meet their needs by fostering the development of programs, housing and services.

### **Discussion:**

This past year, the Department of Community Resources Office on Aging Division and the Commission on Aging partnered to learn more about the AARP's Aging-Friendly Communities initiative which aims to improve the environmental, civic, economic and social life of seniors. The Commission on Aging Chair Reverend Charles Harrell and AARP Maryland Executive Council member, Sudha Haley, organized a presentation from a local Aging-Friendly Community, which garnered wide support from Commission on Aging members.

# **Fiscal Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion/Recommendation:**

To provide background on the Age-Friendly Communities initiative and seek the BOCC's support for a local planning process and commitment letter to AARP.