

Greater Phoenix Region
City Leaders Institute Statement

The Greater Phoenix region will experience tremendous population growth in people aged 65 years and more within the next eight years, increasing from 462,000 people to more than 700,000 people by 2020. Research demonstrates that the ability to connect with peers and others in the community is a critical element to aging in place well. A recent survey in the region indicates 59 percent of people aged 55 to 59 years are not satisfied with opportunities to meet their peers. Nearly three quarters (73 percent) of adults age 55 to 90 years report they do not access public or nonprofit facilities. This figure increases to 83.6 percent of people between the ages of 55 and 59 years. This suggests people coming into the older adult demographic need to better connect with the community but are not doing so within the current service delivery model.

Through the City Leaders Institute, the region will identify ways to connect older adults with the community by enhancing senior centers and alternative solutions that respond to the changing interests of this growing population within the current fiscal environment.