



# City of Apache Junction

*Home of the Superstition Mountains*

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
DATE: March 6, 2017  
SUBJECT: Discussion on Permanent Options for Senior Services

In November, the long-time provider of senior services in the Apache Junction Area, **East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR)**, discontinued services due to financial reasons. As a temporary solution, the City of AJ partnered with **Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC)** to maintain the most critical of these senior services (congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, etc.) and take over day to day operations. As discussed previously with city council, staff would work with PGCSC to look for program efficiencies, operate within an established budget, and gain the experience needed to determine a more permanent solution.

The primary funding source of these programs comes through "**Triple A Funding**", which PGCSC is able to receive/distribute for senior services through their designation as the **Area Agency on Aging** for Region V by the State of Arizona. The City of AJ has been a long-term funder through both cash and in-kind contributions. Program participants, outside grants, and other donors also contribute a portion of the funding. After partnering with PGCSC for over three months, we have a better handle on the participant numbers and financial requirements of the various programs.

We will be sharing for discussion the scope of services provided, data from our market cities, and staff recommendations for future partners as well as the City's future role in these critical services. We intend to bring this item back to your March 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting for direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:  
Presentation on Senior Services – March 2017