



# City of Apache Junction

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
DATE: March 21, 2017  
SUBJECT: Direction to Staff on 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. Services that seniors relied on for over twenty years was put in jeopardy. 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 was to work with PGCSC to look for program efficiencies, operate within an established budget, and gain the experience needed to determine a more permanent solution starting with the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

At your March 6<sup>th</sup> Work Session, we shared data on the first three months of our efforts to maintain senior services. At this point, we have a better handle on the participant numbers, financial requirements, and operational requirements of the various programs. During this time we also researched multiple other service providers in our community and in other neighboring communities to determine if there were new entities we could partner with.

It is staff's opinion that the overall coordination of the senior services will remain the most consistent if the City continues to coordinate all of the services in the existing space at the Multi-Generational Center and partner with other agencies/vendors to provide the meals and transportation portion. PGCSC will still be a primary funding source along with other contributions (including existing City financial and in-kind contributions).

Staff respectfully seeks direction to proceed with starting the Request For Proposal (RFP) process for meals and transportation and to start the process with PGCSC to receive funding for the coordination of these services.