# 50+ Community Survey for Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church 

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## Connect, Create, Contribute

- Encourage an aging-friendly community
- 25\% of Fairfax County residents are 50 and over
- Older adults provide valuable community contributions



## Quality of Community



- 91\% rated Fairfax County as an excellent or good place to live
- 62\% reported they are very likely or somewhat likely to remain in Fairfax County throughout retirement


## Background

- Administered by National Research Center, Inc.
- Collaborative effort across multiple agencies
- 4,777 completed surveys ( $22 \%$ response rate)
- Outreach efforts - ICMA recognition



## Demographics of Survey Respondents

Demographic Comparisons

| Race/Ethnicity | County Demographics | 50+ Survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White/Caucasian | $61 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Asian/Pacific <br> Islander | $20 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Black/African <br> American | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Other | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| American <br> Indian/Alaskan <br> Native | $16 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Hispanic or <br> Latino | $13 \%$ |  |

*Total may exceed $100 \%$ as respondents could select more than one option and/or due to rounding.

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*13\% (or 622) of respondents reported Hispanic/Latino origin

## Survey Respondent Profile

- 51\% earn > \$100,000

Expected 2019 Household Income


- 64\% lived in County > 20 years
- 72\% own their home
- 49\% work full-time


## Community Characteristics



85\% rated fitness opportunities as excellent or good
$13 \%$ rated the cost of living as excellent or good

62\% rated overall services to older adults as excellent or good

## Problems Faced by Older Adults

## Major or Moderate Problems



33\% - Not knowing what services are available to older adults
§)) $\begin{aligned} & 29 \% \text { - Feeling like your } \\ & \text { voice is heard }\end{aligned}$

대 19\% - Staying physically fit

## Other Prominent Problems



19\% - Finding work in retirement

18\% - Finding affordable health insurance

## Activities and Engagement

- 25\% attended a local public meeting in the last year
- 91\% never participated in a civic group
- 67\% never volunteered their time
- 85\% usually or always voted in local elections
- 51\% used public transportation

Public Transportation Use in Last 12 Months


- 2x/week
- 2-4x/month
- Once/month or less
- Not at all


## Next Steps

- Finalize full report
- Implement communication plan
- Review results with county and community stakeholders
- Plan for focus groups to further inform future planning



## Questions?

