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Gov. Murphy Appoints Janet Sharma to State Advisory Council

Janet Sharma, Coordinator of Age-Friendly Englewood since its founding in 2016, has been appointed by Governor Murphy to the New Jersey Age-Friendly Advisory Council (NJAFAC).

Formed earlier this year, the purpose of the NJAFAC is

- Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, the creation of livable communities for people of all ages in NJ
- Recommend best practices for age-friendly employment and civic participation among partners in government and civil society
- Promote age-friendly community inclusion and equitable outcomes
- Ensure programs and practices address disparities experienced by older adults of every race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity

Membership of the Council includes leaders from 28 State, county and municipal governments, higher education, and non-profit senior service providers. Administration is provided by the Division of Aging Services.

The Council is expected to present to the Governor a blueprint of policy recommendations for advancing age-friendly practices across the State by August 2023.

Age-Friendly Englewood is a community-wide project that is working to ensure that residents of Englewood can age-in-place in their homes and in the community with dignity and independence. Age-Friendly Englewood seeks to help the community become more livable for people of all ages, with particular attention to the rapidly growing number of older adults. An age-friendly community is one that is a great place to grow up and grow old.

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