

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Communities for a Lifetime

DEPARTMENT: Community Services **DIVISION:** _____

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Agenda Date 04-25-06 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:


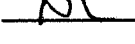
Briefing to the Board of County Commissioners on the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative.

BACKGROUND:

On April 11, 2006, the board requested a briefing on the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative. Communities for a Lifetime is Governor Jeb Bush's statewide initiative to assist Florida cities, towns and counties in planning and implementing improvements benefiting the lives of all residents, youthful or senior. This initiative recognizes the diverse needs of residents and the unique contributions individuals can make to their communities. Participating Communities for a Lifetime use existing resources and state technical assistance to make crucial civic improvements in such areas as housing, health care, transportation, accessibility, business partnerships, community education, efficient use of natural resources and volunteer opportunities to the betterment of their communities.

A Community for a Lifetime values individuals of all ages and engages communities in a process of continuous self-assessment and improvement. Through this process, communities enhance opportunities for people to age in place, or continue living in their own communities for a lifetime, while also benefiting people of all ages.

Carole Phillips is presenting a more detailed overview of the program and will be able to provide additional information. A sample resolution is attached.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
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SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, *_(community's name)_* supports the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' *Communities for a Lifetime* initiative to make Florida a friendlier place to live for people of all ages, that they may be as independent as long as possible, and remain in their homes and in the communities they love; and

Whereas, the State of Florida has the highest percentage of elders of any state in the nation and our elder population will continue to increase, reaching numbers without precedent in the first part of the XXI Century; and

Whereas, in order to allow all residents to maintain their dignity, security and independence, communities must evaluate, assess and modify their infrastructures to create a *Community for a Lifetime*; and

Whereas, *_(community's name)_* and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs share the vision and responsibility to improve the life of all citizens so they can prepare for and enjoy aging in place throughout their life; and

Whereas, in order to achieve our mutual goals, cities and counties should begin to build together a place free of physical, emotional and social barriers,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that our community, will make every effort to first evaluate and later remove barriers to create a *Community for a Lifetime*.

For more information on the Communities for a Lifetime initiative, contact Sunny Phillips with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs at 850/414-2058, visit the Web site at www.communitiesforalifetime.org or e-mail communities@elderaffairs.org.

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