

**Amendment 3 to CB12-2016**

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Dear Councilmembers,

I have been serving on the Commission on Aging and learning about issues of older residents for about a year now, and, speaking for myself only and not for the commission, I appreciate very much Amendment 3 that tasks the commission to review its role and membership.

There are some changes that I think would make the commission more effective. I think the commission should be more actively advising the Office on Aging and should have an opportunity to review proposals and budgets earlier in the process. The commission is also too big to conduct a reasonable meeting of the full membership and think reducing the size would help each commissioner participate more fully. I agree with other observations that we should be more broadly representative, but I think there are other criteria that are more important than race and ethnicity. Socioeconomic levels and marital status are challenges that I think are more significant to aging, as is the availability or non-availability of nearby family members. I would welcome an opportunity to provide input that would help the county serve older residents better and encourage you to approve this amendment.

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