

## **News Release**

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## Austin Mayor to Headline Senior Mayfest Event

HACA to Celebrate Older Americans Month with 25th Annual Senior Mayfest

Austin's Mayor Steve Adler will join the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to celebrate National Older Americans Month at its 25th annual Senior Mayfest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday (May 5) at the Doris Miller Auditorium, located at 2300 Rosewood Ave.

"We are thrilled that Mayor Adler will be joining us to celebrate our senior citizens at Mayfest," said HACA President and CEO Michael Gerber. "Our senior residents have a strong interest in staying active and engaged in their community. Mayfest is a great opportunity to connect them with critical services and programs to better meet their needs."

Each May, HACA's senior citizens enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship complete with games and entertainment, as well as a resource fair by local service providers who cater to this growing population.

Entertainment will include a resident talk show where HACA residents will discuss their life stories, and offer advice to their neighbors. Residents will also have the opportunity to participate in a fiestathemed photo booth, games and a raffle. All elderly HACA residents and persons with disabilities living at HACA properties are welcome to participate in this free event and enjoy a taco lunch.

HACA expects more than 250 people will help celebrate this year's theme, "Mayfiesta." In addition, 20 vendors will showcase various resources available to Austin seniors and will give participants an opportunity to connect with programs or services they may otherwise not have known existed.

**About HACA:** The Housing Authority of the City of Austin is a public agency whose mission is to cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self reliance, growth and optimism. For more information, visit <u>www.hacanet.org</u>, or find us on Twitter <u>@hacanet</u>.

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