



Healthy and Safe Community Environments

Clinical and Community Preventative Services

Elimination of Health Disparities

Empowered People

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Strategies to improve the environmental conditions for **Aging in America**



Aging in Place

- Universal Design
- Healthy Building Standards (i.e., WELL, LEED)
- Air, water, light, sleep cycles
- **Environmental Monitoring** (Passive)
- H.R. 1780: Senior Accessible

Housing Act -bill introduced to create a nonrefundable personal tax credit up to \$30,000 for senior citizens who modify their residences to enhance their ability to remain living safely, independently, and comfortably in their residences.



Aging in a New Place

- Universal Design
- Connectedness through Design (i.e., High Walk Score, Active Commuting, Engagement and Community Purpose, Diversity)
- Healthy Building and Healthy Community Standards (i.e., WELL, LEED)
- Air, Water, Light, Safety, Security, Nourishment, Activity, Stress, Connection
- Earlier the better, rebranding offerings to encourage earlier transition

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One entrance without steps and a flat or very low threshold



Minimum 60" level maneuvering space at stepless entrance



Hall widths of 42"



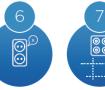
Passage doors 32" clear



Maneuvering space at doors



alarm indicators, especially in bedrooms



Clear floor number of space in electrical kitchens outlets for additional lighting and

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The Power of Designing for All Designing for the extremes may benefit the means



Adaptable cabinets to reveal kneespace at sink and under work surface near cooking appliances



Clear floor space in bathroom



Adaptable cabinets with under sink kneespace



Broadly applied bands of reinforcement inside walls around toilets for grab bars



Tub or shower controls that minimize stooping, bending, reaching



Toilet in a 48" x 56" space with centerline of toilet 18' from sidewall



Curbless showers, at least 36" x 60"

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- As real estate investment in aging communities is growing, there has been little attention to safety, security, and health interventions geared toward reduction and prevention of costly and unnecessary medical expenses for the aging population (i.e., fall risks, isolation)
- Voluntary building certifications such as the WELL Building Standard can help support and develop standardization for aging in place in the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of a building.
- There is a need for stronger market and regulatory incentives, such as zoning privileges, financing options, progressive mortgage loan structures, and operational efficiencies to encourage increased pursuit of healthy building certifications.
- Real estate decisions generally determine the location, amenities, operations, and technological capabilities of residences (such as environmental monitoring). Health solutions are being delivered beyond the hospital, and the home environment should be designed to accommodate. Residential environments can be designed pro-actively to deliver preventative intentions.

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