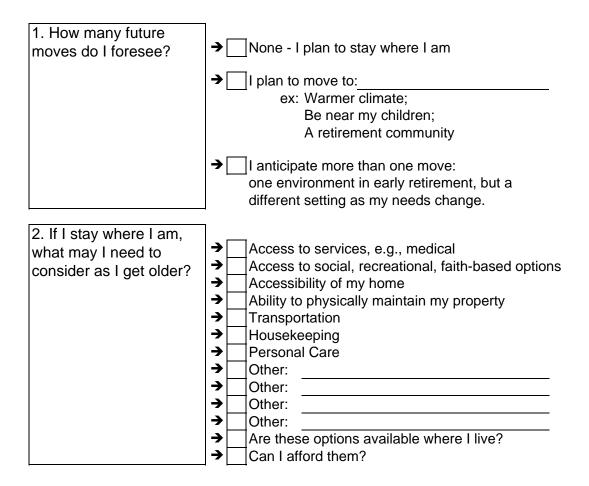


A DECISION GUIDE TO PLANNING "WHERE WILL I LIVE?"

Steven Covey, US author and educator, wrote: "Every human has four endowments: self awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom — The power to choose, to respond, to change." So many changes happen as we age. It is often hard to see them as choices and opportunities rather than losses. How we prepare for them and respond to them however, makes all the difference. This decision guide is prepared to help you think through decisions you may need to make about where you live as you grow older. Some things may be out of your control, such as changes in health, finances and family. Knowing what is important to you about wherever you call "home" will help you make decisions should circumstances or choice necessitate a change in your living situation.



3. If a cannot stay where	 → Staying near where I live now → Transportation
I am, what's important to	 → Accessibility (e.g., elevator)
me?	 → Being near medical providers
	 → Being close to educational & cultural venues
	→ Being near family
	→ Being with other seniors
	→ Being in an intergenerational setting
	→ Being able to have my pet with me
	→ Not having to cook my meals
	→ Help with homemaking
	→ Help with personal care
	\rightarrow Being in a community that includes my culture, language,
	ethnicity, sexual orientation
	 → Employment or volunteer opportunities → Other:
	 → Other: → Other:
	→ Other:
	→ Other:
	What options are available that meet my criteria?
	What can I afford?
	Who can help me answer these questions?
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4. No matter where I live,	
I want:	 To stay socially connected to family and friends To have the resources to engage in things outside
	of home (e.g., travel, arts, entertainment)
	→ To have the energy to pursue social, civic,
	recreational, spiritual activities
	➔ To leave assets to my children
	→ Other:
5. What life changes	
would cause me to	→ Every year(s)
reconsider these	→ Loss of job
choices? When should I	 Other change in financial circumstances Significant health changes
revisit this	
questionnaire?	 Death of significant other Children move away
	 → Other: → Other:
	→ Other:
	→ Other: