

**APPENDIX D.
VULNERABLE
NEIGHBORS NEXT STEPS
AND PRIORITIES**



# Themes Relating to Barriers and Challenges:	
1	Mobility challenges for Older Age Adults and individuals with Chronic Illness or Disabilities.
2	Lack of energy resilience affects refrigeration for medicines and electricity for dialysis machines.
3	High-rises in urban areas present difficulties for mobility and vertical evacuations during disasters.
4	Technology barriers and digital literacy challenges, particularly for older individuals and non-technology literate populations during crises.
5	Reluctance among vulnerable community members to leave their communities during evacuations.
6	Language barriers and communication challenges for non-English speakers and Pacific Islander communities.
7	Mental health support and counseling needs for vulnerable community members, especially youth and those with a history of mental illness.
8	Lack of resources and support for the homeless during disasters.
9	Communication obstacles for the houseless population without cell phones or energy access.
# Themes Relating to Next Steps and Priorities	
1	Building strong community networks and partnerships for disaster response, with a focus on being "STRONGER TOGETHER."
2	Creating and maintaining hubs that can cater to the specific needs of vulnerable neighbors during disasters.
3	Strengthening energy resilience measures to ensure continuity of vital services for vulnerable populations.
4	Enhancing technology access and digital literacy programs, particularly for older individuals and non-tech literate communities.
5	Empowering faith-based communities, especially churches, as essential support networks and communication channels during crises.
6	Developing comprehensive emergency contacts, communication plans, and information spreading strategies in multiple languages.
7	Establishing interpreter services and telecommunications with translation capabilities for non-English speakers.
8	Providing mental health support and grief/trauma counseling for vulnerable community members.
9	Expanding resources to help the homeless population and offering transportation to hubs during disasters.

