



City of Austin

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Mr. Bob Jackson
AARP Texas State Director
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

On behalf of the City of Austin, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Texas and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Austin is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

The Austin-Round Rock metropolitan area is the nation's 3rd fastest growing community of people aged 65 and older. We are the nation's #1 fastest growing population of people between the ages of 55 and 64.


To address our changing demographics, our community has recently convened a Task Force on Aging comprised of a diverse group, including executives from non-profit providers, funding agencies, policy makers, and academia. Our goal is to ensure our aging neighbors have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of Austin to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in the Task Force.
- Secure a council resolution to work toward become age-friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP Texas staff and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,


Lee Leffingwell
Mayor