State: Illinois

Community Name: City of Calumet

Population Size: 36000

Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 21

Community Structure: City

Other:

Community Type: Urban, Mixed, Suburban (offices, apartments and shops), Suburban (mostly residential)

Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment Name: Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

Title: Mayor, City of Calumet City

Office Mailing Address: City Hall, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL 60409

Community Contact Name: Val Williams

Email: [REDACTED]

Position: Community and Economic Development

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Role: Ensuring funding that promotes a sustainable, livable community for all residents regarding business development, social programming, safety, and improvements/development of multi-use and walking trails that lead to other modes of transportation throughout the City and the Region. Special consideration is always given to seniors in any outreach effort.

Older Adult Involvement: Older adults can be involved by engaging in how best to promote a positive perspective on aging. They can help to provide home-delivered food and hot meals to the elderly with disabilities (their neighbors and friends). Encourage older residents to participate in activities that keep the community healthy and encourage economic stability - a place where older persons can easily stay
connected with others and remain independent. These initiatives benefit the entire community.

**Increasing Collaboration and Coordination:** To begin, the City seeks to continue to advance age-friendly public policies, practices, and funding. The City will continue to work with champions for age-friendly communities within its neighborhoods, regional elected offices and funding agencies for outreach programming, non-profit organizations, colleges/universities, health organizations, and businesses. Specifically, the City is currently working with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus regarding its age-friendly communities collaborative where there are over 50 municipal members that share ideas and concerns. Our shared action agenda includes services that will facilitate an increasing transformation along age-friendly guidelines.

**AARP Team Member Contact Info:** Not Applicable

**Most Instructive Area of Work:** Outreach programming, non-motorized transportation options, recreation activities - and a general care for older adults

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