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Dr. Joseph Sanchez  
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Dear Dr. Sanchez:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico’s Mayor and City Council declaring our commitment to advance and nurture an age-friendly community. We look forward to participating in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. This participation includes striving to build a livable city that promotes health and sustainable growth while fostering the well-being of our citizens in all stages of their life.

The community vision and goals as expressed in the City’s comprehensive plan, Elevate Las Cruces, are intended to improve the quality of life for all residents. It should be noted, among the best practices/principles of sustainability utilized to craft the recommendations of Elevate Las Cruces were the AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability. It is also important to note that Las Cruces’ older adults are dynamic, vibrant, and impactful members of the community. With this knowledge, the City realizes the continued value of promoting the AARP domains of livability that create more senior friendly outdoor spaces and buildings; increase the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing; increase access and opportunities for social participation and inclusiveness through programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity; support work and volunteer opportunities; provide access to communication venues and information; and support the ability of older people to age in place through community support and health services.

Towards this purpose the City of Las Cruces is committed to continued outreach and involvement of older people in our community. We recognize the importance of assessing where the community is today and developing plans for the near and long-term future to tackle the unique challenges, needs, and desires of our community. Additionally, through continued vigilance by monitoring the impacts of City efforts, we can measure success and ensure that strategies align with changing conditions of our community.
The City looks forward to continuing to support and promote both the vision and goals of Elevate Las Cruces and the AARP's Eight Domains of Livability. Successful execution will assure that Las Cruces is a place where all can age with dignity.

Sincerely,

Ken Miyagishima
Mayor