February 19, 2021

Mr. Adam Ballard  
AARP Illinois  
222 North LaSalle Street Suite 710  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. Ballard:

The Village of Mount Prospect commits to reinforce its goal of being an age-inclusive and supportive community through meeting the requirements of being an AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities member. We believe this membership and requisite process will assist in improving our current practice and better achieve the goals we have articulated in our Strategic Plan and through our efforts as active members of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Age Friendly Collaborative. As a diverse community with a strong relationship with our Sister City Sevres, France, we are likewise committed to meeting the requisites for the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

We are looking forward to, as members, improving our process of engagement, data collection and analysis, service and infrastructure assessment, planning and implementation to become a designated Age-Friendly Community. Likewise, we would be proud to share our efforts with our peer communities for our mutual benefit and improvement.

To that end, the Village of Mount Prospect will follow the formula for success spelled out in your tool kit:

1. We will establish new mechanisms and improve existing ones to involve older people.
2. We will build on and update our baseline assessments of age-friendliness of our community.
3. We will develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment.
4. As an organization strongly committed to the strategic planning process and measuring progress towards goals, we commit to identifying meaningful indicators by which progress can be measured.

The Village of Mount Prospect is proud of our efforts to date to support and serve the older members of our community. We believe that a designation as an AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities member will be an important step towards even greater success at meeting the needs of our older residents. We look forward to working with AARP in this effort.

Sincerely,

Arlene A. Juracek

Arlene A. Juracek, Mayor  
Village of Mount Prospect