Older Adult Involvement:
Mayor Day values diversity of thought and experience on each of his advisory committees. Any Salisbury resident can apply for an appointment to one of our advisory committees. Drawing from resources such as AARP's "8 Domains of Livability" guide and other related publications, we look forward to building more robust programs while continuing to make our City a more inclusive and accessible place all are proud to call "home". Although the City has a number of standing committees centered around various issues affecting all citizens, the Mayor is working to establish a committee that specifically targets the needs of the elderly. Drawing from the success of the Youth Development Advisory Committee, the City intends to establish a Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. This committee will allow the voices of senior citizens to be better represented throughout our City. Furthermore, individuals who desire to become more involved in the City's decision-making processes will have the opportunity to apply for an appointment to
the Committee. One tangible example that illustrates ways in which our City has already begun to seek input from various constituent groups within our community may be found in the numerous times City employees have met with our committees to answer questions and receive feedback. Whether through the coordination between our Chief of Police and our Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, or through less visible efforts such as the time our Director of Information Systems, Bill Garrett, met with our Disability Advisory Committee earlier this year to showcase the new City Helper Amazon Alexa Skill which allows users to interact with Alexa, Amazon’s virtual assistant, and ask for information related to city operations without navigating through the City’s website, we are committed to taking a well-rounded community-centric approach to citizen service.

**Increasing Collaboration and Coordination:**

Numerous agencies are already partaking in age-friendly ventures and accomplishing meaningful work. Agencies such as the Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum Care Committee are directly responsible for uplifting citizens of all ages out of poverty and helping them to find housing. Expanding the success of programs led by community organizations would also serve to increase the age-friendly status of Salisbury. The current partnership between the City and local organizations serving the elderly has allowed Salisbury’s senior population to become increasingly more active within our community. The City of Salisbury desires to better serve as a beacon of support for elderly citizens of all needs and abilities. While expanding upon existing programs will help to bolster support for the elderly community, coordination among agencies is essential for achieving positive outcomes. Establishing the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) will provide senior citizens with a platform to make their voices heard with respect to issues affecting our community. As a number of local organizations and agencies play a role in supporting seniors, the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will include representatives of various stakeholder groups in addition to at large members from the Salisbury-area community.

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**Most Instructive Area of Work:**

Multiple organizations across our City remain dedicated to serving and uplifting our elderly population. As the City expands upon the current senior support network through the creation of an advisory committee, more opportunities for exchange between cities will arise. These and other senior-focused efforts will allow the City of Salisbury to better serve our senior population. Furthermore, by connecting with age-friendly cities and states across our nation, the City of Salisbury will benefit from shared knowledge as we adapting methods from partner cities to fit the unique model of Salisbury while also sharing information we have learned to help identify best practices that could also be utilized in other areas.

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