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**Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment**

- **Name:** Lee Urbanovsky
- **Title:** Mayor
- **Office Mailing Address:** 405 East Loop Street, Bldg. 100, Buda TX 78610
- **Community Contact Name:** Jeff Kaufmann
- **Email:** [Redacted]
- **Position:** Vice-Chair, City of Buda Task Force on Aging
- **Telephone:** [Redacted]

**Role:**

Mr. Kaufmann is the City Council appointed member, elected to the role of Vice-Chair by the City of Buda Task Force on Aging. He will lead the community assessment process including conducting a survey and small group discussions to gauge citizen interests and needs. He is a liaison with the city staff and with staff of partner organizations including Age of Central Texas, AARP Texas, the Alzheimer’s Association, the Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area, Aging Is Cool, and others. He will help organize the input received into a report to AARP and work with the city staff and Council to develop an action plan.

**Older Adult Involvement:**

The City of Buda Task Force on Aging was established as an ad-hoc committee in response to a citizen’s survey to help prioritize critical issues and needs of older citizens and their families. The results of the survey identified needs for: A resource hub, Additional transportation resources, Volunteer opportunities for older citizens, Program opportunities to enhance cultural, learning and intergenerational opportunities. The Task Force on Aging will lead the community assessment and action plan development with partners including and representing older adults. AARP Texas will supply samples of surveys and action plans completed by other communities. Based on those sample surveys, TFoA determines a survey to use. AARP Texas will share an online link to that survey.
with AARP members in Buda who have opted in to receive emails from AARP. Area Agency on Aging Capital Area will provide support related to planning and as needed data related to population and needs through our CAPCOG Regional Planning and GIS mapping staff. AARP Texas can help make Buda AARP members aware of any of our efforts to get their feedback and input; o help put out a press release; and o assist with advocacy efforts by way of helping to create talking points for public testimony on behalf of an age friendly initiative we are working on. TFOA will o email and post the survey on the city’s social media platforms; o work with the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations to spread the word; o Have paper copies at the Buda public library, the Onion Creek Senior Center and older adult gathering spots to connect with folks who do not have digital access; o Based on survey findings, put together some recommendations: o May include no cost but high impact activities such as providing age-friendly input to the planning for implementation design of the 2021 Buda City transportation and parks and recreation bond. o May also include larger or smaller scope activities, based on older residents’ input and potential availability of resources.

**Increasing Collaboration and Coordination:**

This process provides Buda an overall framework for making community improvements by focusing on livability for people of ALL ages. It aligns perfectly with and incorporates other Buda initiatives such as Buda’s recent Platinum Scenic City certification, and the Complete Streets initiative Main Street Advisory Board is considering. The Main Street Advisory Board is responsible for assisting in policy, review of the annual program budget, and determining the goals of the new Buda Main Street Program. The Scenic City Certification Program is a nationally recognized model developed to provide communities with a comprehensive set of standards and evaluations for the design and development of public roadways and spaces. This recognition is the product of the City’s high standards for streetscapes and its effort to preserve heritage trees, cultivate greenbelts and limit light pollution. Joining the Age-Friendly network will help in raising awareness about livability issues, increasing collaborations within agency departments and the community, and could result in Buda implementing educational and engagement programs if those are indicated by our community assessment. Buda Mayor Urbanovsky has asked the Task Force on Aging to assist in holding the city accountable in its planning for and spending the recently voter approved bond funds. These funds total $89.66 million: o $73.57 million for transportation o Includes streets, roads, bridges & intersections, and other street and road improvements including related utility relocation, sidewalks, pedestrian & bicycle improvements, purchase of necessary rights-of-way, design & management costs, required equipment, and drainage. o $16.09 million for parks and recreation o Includes land acquisition, design costs, required equipment and related drainage. The Task Force on Aging plans to contribute to the Bond Oversight Committee deliberations. The purpose of the Bond Oversight Committee is to ensure that the bonds are implemented timely,
efficiently, transparently, fairly and with quality and equity, according to the adopted resolution.

**AARP Team**

**Member Contact Info:**

The Task Force on Aging Vice Chair has had a productive correspondence with and gotten offers of technical support from: Jessica Lemann, Associate State Director of Outreach & Advocacy,

**Most Instructive Area of Work:**

As a small city Buda can help demonstrate to other communities what age-friendly activities can be feasible with or without major commitment of resources. Buda plans to do this by actively integrating the efforts of the Task Force on Aging into on-going and emerging city initiatives, plans and activities. There will be some trial and error, and the city will learn from our efforts about what is successful and what areas provide opportunities for continued improvement. The city will provide these analyses in the annual best practice submission and periodic updates it makes to AARP on progress and work remaining to be done. Hopefully other communities in the network will be able to apply Buda’s findings to improving their efforts.

**Optional Resolution:**

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