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Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the City of Half Moon Bay (HMB), I endorse this membership application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities. Half Moon Bay, in partnership with many local organizations and residents who will be joining us as part of the HMB-Coastside Age Friendly Community Coalition, has a strong commitment to enhancing the livability of our area for all our residents, including those who are 60 years of age and older. We believe it is in the best interests of our region that we establish a vibrant, sustainable age friendly community initiative that is supported by a variety of key stakeholders in our community and who will have a key role as co-leaders in helping us achieve this goal.

Located along the scenic San Mateo County coastline of the Pacific Ocean, the City of Half Moon Bay and the surrounding region known locally as “the Coastside” is known for its natural beauty, history, and community spirit. With our over 60 population being our most rapidly growing age demographic, we are committed to Age-Friendly Community goals to ensure that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of our Community’s future.

The City of Half Moon Bay and our community partners have built local collaborative partnerships within the County of San Mateo by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age-Friendly Initiative forward in this region. In addition to a member of our City Council and a city staff person, the HMB-Coastside Age-Friendly Community Coalition will be comprised of representatives of local organizations and older adults from the community that are committed to:

- Further development and implementation of our inaugural age-friendly projects.
- Continuing to seek community input on the needs of older adults.
- Establishing a three-year action plan within 2 years of becoming a member of the AARP Network of AF States and Communities to continue to address identified needs.
- Developing tools to measure the progress of our inaugural projects and the action
plan.

We look forward to working with our fellow stakeholders, other AFC communities and the AARP Network as we work towards increasing the Age-Friendliness of the Coastside to provide its residents with the tools and resources, they need to remain as independent and vitally involved with their community as possible.

Sincerely,

Debbie Ruddock
Mayor