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Rafi Nazarians
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Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the City of San Carlos, I am pleased to offer this letter in support of our application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, the United States affiliate of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) International initiative to encourage age-friendly community efforts. The City of San Carlos maintains a strong commitment to serving the various needs of our community, and as an Age-Friendly City we will continue to support the health, vibrancy, and livability of our community for all ages.

The City of San Carlos is known as the City of Good Living. It is located on the San Francisco Peninsula and is known for its high quality of life and excellent public school system. Currently, over 15.6% of our population is over 65 and is the most rapidly growing age demographic in our City. We are proud of being a livable community for residents of all ages and 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 City’s future.

San Carlos has 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. We formed an Age-Friendly Community Task Force comprised primarily of older adults from the community that are committed to:

- Conducting a baseline community assessment on the needs of older adults.
- Establishing a three-year action plan to address the identified needs.
- Developing tools to measure the progress of the action plan.

We look forward to working with AARP-WHO as we work towards increasing the Age-Friendliness of our City to provide its residents with the tools and resources they need to remain as independent and vitally involved with their community as possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sara McDowell
Mayor, City of San Carlos