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Ms. Nancy McPherson
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SUBJECT: CITY OF SOLANA BEACH COMMITMENT TO BECOME AN AGE FRIENDLY CITY

Dear Mrs. McPherson,

On behalf of the City of Solana Beach (City), please accept this letter as the City’s commitment to supporting the partnership between the World Health Organization, The San Diego Foundation, SDSU Social Policy Institute, and AARP California by becoming a member of the global network of Age-Friendly Cities. We must prepare to accommodate our City’s aging population with policies that enhance healthy aging, civic participation, respect, social inclusion, mobility, and appropriately designed housing and public facilities. The City also supports the policy objectives outlined in the AARP Network of the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative.

The City is excited about the programs and systems-level changes that this partnership could create to address the community’s shifting demography and create more livable environments for people of all ages. The tools and experience that the partnership brings will be a tremendous asset to Solana Beach. The City is also excited to develop an action plan and we would anticipate public review and comment later this year. It is expected the planning process will be complete by the end of the year with a City Council-approved action plan that contains a clear implementation plan with accountability.

I look forward to working with AARP California, SDSU Social Policy Institute, and The San Diego Foundation to ensure Solana Beach is prepared to meet the needs of our aging communities.

Sincerely,

Lesa Heebner
Mayor