



City of La Puente

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Ms. Nancy McPherson
AARP California State Director
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Dear Ms. McPherson,

I am honored to submit this letter committing the City of La Puente to the values, mission, and practices of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Please accept this letter as our commitment to making the City of La Puente a more livable community that aims to improve the quality of life for *“the very young, the very old, and everyone in between”* and we enthusiastically seek membership into AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The City of La Puente recently received a Local Aging and Disability Action Planning (LADAP) Grant award from the California Department of Aging to plan and develop a community-wide age- and disability-friendly action plan. Our LADAP programing will create engagement mechanisms to involve our local aging and disability communities to seek their input in identifying La Puente’s age- and disability-friendly assets and areas of growth to improve our City’s livability along AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability and the State of California’s Master Plan for Aging’s Five Goals for communities for all ages.

The following objectives from La Puente’s LADAP project demonstrate the City of La Puente’s commitment to AARP’s and the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Age-Friendly Community practices:

Objective 1: Build the community’s awareness of the LADAP program with local area provider networks who are aging, disability, and racial equity experts who can effectively engage residents of all ages and abilities.

Objective 2: Conduct a cross-sector community assessment of aging and disability resources that solicit input from community leaders and residents, especially from underrepresented populations like LGBTQIA+, Women of Color, veterans, and socioeconomic minorities.

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Objective 3: Develop a local action plan from the needs assessment data that include innovative, resourceful, and culturally appropriate goals, objectives, outreach strategies, and evaluation measures.

Objective 4: Publicly release and promote the Local Plan to educate community leaders and residents on aging and disability-friendly resources and to develop a tracking system to monitor progress toward plan goals and objectives.

We are excited to take this next step with AARP California to make our city a place where people of all ages and abilities can live and thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Quiñones", with a stylized, flowing script.

Gabriel Quiñones

Mayor