



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MAYOR

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Mr. Bob Jackson
AARP Texas State Director
98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 750
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Jackson:

San Antonio is excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Texas and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, San Antonio is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

San Antonio's population consists of 1.3 million people and over one third are age 50+. The 50+ population is expected to grow by 16 percent over the next five years. In addition, San Antonio is known for its diverse population. Amongst those ages 50+, 48% are Hispanic/Latino, 7 percent are African American/Black and 2 percent are Asian.

In 2011, our community adopted SA2020, a citywide to build a better San Antonio. The SA2020 vision areas and the eight domains of an Age Friendly Community complement one another. In partnership with AARP Texas, the City of San Antonio, and SA2020, our goal is to ensure that San Antonians of all ages have the resources to be healthy, independent, and integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of San Antonio to:

- Provide mechanisms to enhance the active engagement of older adults
- Secure a city council resolution to work toward becoming age-friendly
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by adults 50+ in the community
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting them publicly

We look forward to working with AARP Texas staff and volunteers to ensure that our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR