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World Health Organization
Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities
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Switzerland

To Whom It May Concern:

San Francisco is committed to inclusiveness and engaging the many diverse populations that make up our city. With nearly 19.7 percent of our population over the age of 60, and some 12 percent of the adult population living with a disability, my administration, through the Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC), is focused on what it takes to live well while growing older.

The City of San Francisco is committed to undertake the steps outlined in our application to join the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. These steps will be implemented by the LTCCC, a committee of 41 members including City departments, non-profit agencies, businesses, community groups, individual citizens, and our academic partner, the University of California. Outlined in further detail in our application, the LTCCC will work to fulfill the following Network requirements:

1. Establish mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly Cities (AFC) process;
2. Develop a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the city;
3. Develop a three-year citywide action plan based on the findings of this assessment; and
4. Identify indicators to monitor progress against this plan.

The opportunity to join the WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities is very timely, as San Francisco continues to develop the city's age friendliness, and accessibility for all. So, it is with enthusiasm that I endorse this effort, and acknowledge the strong support of our Long Term Care Coordinating Council, as we submit our application to join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor