



September 17, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The City of Fort Worth 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, Fort Worth is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

For the past decade, Fort Worth has been a leader in improving mobility issues and promoting the health and wellness of its residents. The City's population is currently 792,277, and continues to grow. More than 8 percent of our residents are age 65 and older, and that number will increase to almost 30 percent by the year 2030.

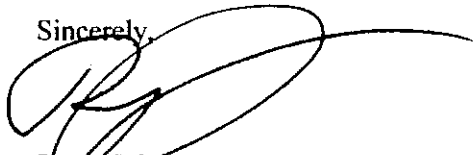
In 2013, our community began work to become a Blue Zones City to build a healthier Fort Worth. In addition, in 2014 voters approved a \$292 million bond package to improve the city's infrastructure needs. The eight domains of an Age Friendly community and the city's efforts on Blue Zones, Infrastructure complement one another. Our goal is to ensure that Fort Worth residents of all ages have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of age-friendly communities, it is the intent of the City of Fort Worth 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, review 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 call all age with dignity.

Sincerely,




Betsy Price
Mayor



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