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

Dear Mr. Jackson:

On behalf of the City of Houston, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Texas and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly City. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Houston is committed to promoting policies to make Houston friendly to the aging population.

The Houston metropolitan area is the fourth most populous city in the nation, with the 60+ community making up 13 percent of the population. This community is vital to Houston's ongoing success, and we are dedicated to making The Bayou City even more livable for everyone who calls Houston home.

In 2012, I established the Go Healthy Houston Task Force to address health and wellness through policy and population-based strategies. This task force is multi-sectoral and includes leadership from many city departments, community based organizations, private health care organizations, and many others. Go Healthy Houston will work with AARP to bring together all invested groups and Houston residents to be a part of the planning and policy-making process. It is the City of Houston's intent to:

- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Include the active engagement of older adults in the planning and implementation of the Age-Friendly Community plan.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annise Parker".

Annise D. Parker  
Mayor