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AARP California
1200 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 400
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Dear Ms. McPherson and Mr. Murray:

The City of West Hollywood is pleased to submit its application for membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

A 2013 Community Study identified that a significant population in the West Hollywood community is dealing with growing older, and that the City needed to consider aging in place strategies more comprehensively.

Based on the 2013 findings, a community-wide action plan was formulated that resulted in the City of West Hollywood's Aging In Place/Aging In Community Five Year Strategic Plan. This plan used the World Health Organization eight domains of livability in recognition of the research and experience they reflect.

The eight domains are consistent with the City of West Hollywood core values, in particular:

- Respect and Support for People,
- Responsiveness to the Public,
- Idealism, Creativity and Innovation, and
- Quality of Residential Life.

This Plan is a community-wide effort to bring a cultural change in embracing older adults to the city as a part of a greater inclusion and respect for all of the city's people, at all ages. The City of West Hollywood, along with its dynamic community, looks forward to working with AARP California staff and volunteers to in its participation in AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Together West Hollywood and AARP will build alliances and partnership to help address local, regional and national issues.

Sincerely,



Lindsey P. Horvath
Mayor