



# CITY OF LONGWOOD

*Fostering citizen trust and cultivating a prosperous community*

December 6, 2016

**Re: Application to join the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Longwood, Florida, we are pleased to apply to join the AARP and World Health Organizations Network of Age Friendly Communities. As a community that wishes to improve the quality of life of all of its residents we take great pleasure in both recognizing and improving upon efforts towards creating an age friendly community through this process.

The City of Longwood is currently the fastest growing municipality in Central Florida and based upon past statewide and national trends we recognize that aging community will continue to grow. The City has several community policies, programs and services that are aimed at improving the quality of lives of older people and creating an age friendly community. The City's RuOK Program works with several external organizations to provide assistance and resources to the elderly in the City. The City is also working towards creating a safer and more walkable and transit oriented community by implementing the City's new Complete Streets policy and supporting transit-oriented and walkable development at the City's SunRail station.

The City has created a great framework for working towards the 8 domains of livability identified by the World Health Organization and commits to continue working with other departments and external organizations to further address the needs of the older residents and prepare our community for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of our application and we look forward to working with AARP staff to work towards responding to the needs of our aging community.

Sincerely,

Joseph Durso  
Mayor  
City of Longwood, Florida