



**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE**

September 8, 2016

Mr. Doug Dickerson, Director
AARP North Carolina
1511 Sunday Drive, Suite 312
Raleigh, NC 27607

Dear Mr. Dickerson:

On behalf of the people of Mecklenburg County, we offer this letter of ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly community in our county. Accordingly, we respectfully request consideration to join AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Mecklenburg County recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living. We are committed to a process of continual improvement to support healthy aging and sustain economic and social vitality.

In 2013, our county launched a Livable Community initiative, with county-wide support and with over 2,000 community workgroups and residents providing input and participation in its development. This initiative presents a community-driven, stakeholder-vetted, and local government-endorsed plan to support the livability of Mecklenburg County, now and into the future.

More particularly, we have developed a strong framework to build upon in addressing AARP's eight livability domains that influence the health and quality of life for community elders. We look forward to joining the global network of communities committed to enhancing opportunities for residents to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

Thank you for considering Mecklenburg County's membership in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. We look forward to working with AARP in the state of North Carolina, and becoming a member of the Age-Friendly Network.

Sincerely,

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Trevor M. Fuller
Chairman
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dena R. Diorio".

Dena R. Diorio
County Manager
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

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