



June 27, 2017

Mrs. Sarah Waddle
AARP Indiana Associate State Director Community Outreach
One North Capital Avenue, Suite 275
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mrs. Waddle:

The City of Fishers is a growing and evolving city northeast of Indianapolis, Indiana, that is focused on being a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial community. A home for entrepreneurs, professionals of all ages, and featuring a public school system that is among the best in the State of Indiana, Fishers is the fifth largest city in the state.

Smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial are the guiding principles we use to approach our opportunities and challenges as a community. This vision drives us to make smart decisions to make our government efficient, and service-oriented; to create experiences that make the community a vibrant and memorable place that genuinely connects with our residents and visitors; and to take risks that yield great opportunities to foster the entrepreneurial spirit to better the community and how we serve it. It is important that these apply to people of all ages.

It is with this vision that I write this letter of support as the City of Fishers applies to be part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

As part of the municipality's first-ever comprehensive plan, Fishers 2040, we identified four areas that are critical to the health and well-being of our community of residents that are 50 or older. This initiative will further build upon the vision set for the next 23 years in land use, housing, transportation, and parks.

Currently, Fishers Parks & Recreation offers a range of programs that are marketed to older residents. While this has been a successful program, I know there is more opportunity to become the best place for residents 50 and older to call home.



The City's Deputy Mayor, Leah McGrath, leads our Americans with Disabilities Act Roundtable. In the past, this group of residents and activists helped our staff identify problems in the right of way, challenges that are at the center of mobility in our community.

Most recently, they've teamed up with staff to create hearty and informative programming during Indiana's Disability Awareness Month in March. This includes the first-ever My Point-of-View Day, in which residents speak directly with elected officials, staff, and professionals about what they experience in employment, infrastructure, housing, transportation, and more. Engaging with the community in this way will be beneficial to residents, and visitors, of all ages.

It is with great confidence that I say by pursuing this designation and participation in these networks, that the City of Fishers will take the opportunity to make our community a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial place that is friendly to people of all ages, particularly for those 50 and older.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Fadness", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Fadness
Mayor, City of Fishers