



CITY OF EAST LANSING

The Home of Michigan State University

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Ms. Karen Kafantaris
Associate State Director of Michigan AARP
309 N. Washington Square - Suite 110
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Kafantaris:

On behalf of the City of East Lansing, we are excited about the opportunity to partner with AARP to become an Age-Friendly Community. Please see the attached application.

The City of East Lansing is a community of nearly 49,000 people and home to Michigan State University, the nation's eighth largest by enrollment. Similar to many communities in the nation, we have a growing population aged 65 and older.

The East Lansing City Council has made becoming an Age-Friendly Community a strategic priority for our City and adopted a resolution to commence the process. In partnership with our certified Prime Time Seniors' Program, we have formed a Steering Committee and met for the first time last month. The City Council and our Steering Committee are committed to:

- Engage a broad range of stakeholders from throughout our community in this process.
- Undertake a baseline assessment of our current age-friendliness.
- Develop the necessary community-wide action plan that addresses the needs identified by the community.
- Measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Meadows
Mayor

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