

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



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Mr. Bill Armbruster
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Dear Mr. Armbruster,

As Mayor of Albuquerque, I enjoy seeing our community come together to improve our city. Over the last few years, we have made a commitment to uphold the *One Albuquerque* spirit: a call to action and a reminder that the best way to tackle our challenges is by facing them together and that when we work together as one city, we can make a lasting impact.

I am in full support of Albuquerque, N.M., achieving designation by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an age-friendly city. My team at the Department of Senior Affairs has briefed me on the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative that is affiliated with AARP.

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For more than half of a century, Albuquerque has enjoyed an unwavering commitment from elected officials, leaders of public and private stakeholder groups, and the general public to providing quality services to our senior population. The City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs offers an outstanding array of quality programs, services and innovative public facilities that serve the physical, emotional, intellectual and social well-being of our citizens. In addition to serving individuals 50 and older, the department also operates two multigenerational centers that engage residents across generations, stimulate mentorship and volunteerism, and encourage deeper community engagement.

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The commitment to providing quality services to all people in our community extends to each of our City departments, and as part of the *One Albuquerque – Age Friendly* initiative, we will also engage the broader community to make Albuquerque age friendly. I am confident that this process will also create a safer and more inclusive Albuquerque as we focus on the eight domains of this initiative. We look forward to working closely with the New Mexico AARP on our journey to receiving an Age-Friendly designation and being a proactive member of the network of Age-Friendly Cities.

Respectfully,

Timothy M. Keller
Mayor