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Bill Armbruster
AARP
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Dear Mr. Armbruster:

On behalf of the County of Albemarle, and in conjunction with the City of Charlottesville under the leadership of the Charlottesville Area Alliance, we are excited to join the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The County of Albemarle is committed to promoting policies to make our community friendly to aging residents.

Albemarle County's long-term strategic goals align well with the WHO's 8 Domains of Livability, particularly with commitments to engaged citizens, infrastructure investment, thriving development areas, economic prosperity, educational opportunities, natural resources stewardship, and quality government operations. Further, the Board's Fiscal Year 2017-2019 Strategic Plan directs staff to establish and implement an approach to consider age-friendly community needs and initiatives into County processes and planning.

The Board of Supervisors has officially recognized the Charlottesville Area Alliance (CAA) for its work in this space and has committed staff resources to supporting CAA in this effort. We recognize the value of approaching aging in a holistic and structured manner, and look forward to the process of scoping, assessing, planning, and monitoring age-friendly policies, procedures, and project through CAA's membership in the Network. Specifically, Albemarle County supports CAA's efforts to establish mechanisms to engage older adults in this process, establish a baseline assessment of our community, develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment, and identify indicators so progress can be monitored against the action plan.

I look forward to working with the AARP, Charlottesville Area Alliance's member organizations, and our area older adults to realize Charlottesville-Albemarle as an Age-Friendly Community.

Sincerely,

Doug Walker
Interim County Executive

