

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

"To be One Community Filled with Opportunity"

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Charlottesville, and in collaboration with the County of Albemarle, 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 City of Charlottesville is committed to promoting policies to make our community friendly to aging residents.

Charlottesville's strategic goals align well with the WHO's 8 Domains of Livability, particularly with commitments to an inclusive community of self-sufficient residents, a healthy and safe city, a beautiful and sustainable natural and built environment, a strong, creative and diversified economy; and a well-managed and responsive organization. Further, the City Council's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan directs staff to implement the WHO Age-Friendly City recommendations.

The City of Charlottesville City Council 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 projects through CAA's membership in the Network. Specifically, the City of Charlottesville supports CAA's efforts to establish mechanisms to engage older adults in this process, establish a baseline assessment of our community, and 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Maurice Jones'.

Maurice Jones
City Manager
City of Charlottesville