



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

January 22, 2018

Rafi Nazarians  
AARP California  
200 S. Los Robles Ave., Ste. 400  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Re: City of Long Beach's Application to Join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities**

Dear Rafi,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, we are honored and excited to participate in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. With a growing population of older adults, Long Beach is committed to developing programs and providing resources that improve the quality of life for older residents.

We have taken a number of steps to begin this process, but there is more work that needs to be done. We currently have a FUSE Fellow whose time is dedicated to advancing our strategic plan for older adults in our city, and our City Council approved one year of funding for an Office of Aging Coordinator, the first paid position devoted specifically to these issues in Long Beach. Our hope is that by committing to become an Age-Friendly Community, we can advance our goals of developing a permanent Office of Aging and gaining further support and community resources to provide more opportunities to older adults.

With the structure and guidance provided by AARP, I am confident that becoming an Age-Friendly Community will help us achieve our objectives related to enhancing the quality of life for older adults in Long Beach. If you have any questions about our commitment to the program, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach