

# City of Miami, Florida



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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to continuing to create an age-friendly community and to request membership into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

The City of Miami is home to thousands of adults age 60 and over. Not only do they make up a significant portion of our population, but they also play an essential role in the community. These invaluable members of our city provide insight on our cultural and political heritage and offer a unique and rich perspective to succeeding generations. Because of the broad range of issues that affect many of our seniors, the City of Miami Commission established an advisory committee focused on responding to the needs of Miami's senior citizens and advising the Commission on how to best accommodate their interests.

In addition to developing the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, our city has a track record of working to address the livability needs for these residents. We have numerous public housing units dedicated to senior housing in the City of Miami and welcome people of all ages to our parks, where they promote lifelong recreation activity and offer specialty programming for seniors to socialize, exercise, and learn. Our Miami Trolley also provides free transportation to all of our residents and visitors, including seniors, connecting them to our neighborhoods and allowing them to meet their daily needs.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the City of Miami's intent to actively engage seniors in our planning processes and committees, conduct a baseline assessment of age-friendliness in the community, develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment, and identify indicators so that plan progress can be monitored.

We look forward to working with the AARP Florida Office and our stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs of our community and builds upon our work to foster a livable environment for all ages.

Sincerely,

Francis Suarez  
Mayor  
City of Miami