



The Canyon City — Gateway to the American Dream

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Rafi Nazarians
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Pasadena, CA 91101-2422

Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the City of Azusa, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and respectfully request membership to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, and the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and States. The City of Azusa recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living; and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging and sustain economic and social vitality.

The City of Azusa is committed to multiple projects in which we engage community in planning to identify and pursue activities that promote successful aging and improve quality of life for all ages. Multiple action plans are underway to improve quality of life in the areas of community engagement, health and social services, economic development, housing, and transportation. Recent funding opportunities has launched a particular emphasis on creating integrated systems of support for residents, connecting them to services, programs, and agencies all mobilized to provide assistance. We understand that through this kind of collaboration, and pursuing sustainable policy systems and environmental changes, we can have a collective impact that will create a more livable community.

We have developed a strong framework to build upon in addressing the World Health Organization's eight domains that help influence the health and quality of life of older people. We look forward to joining this global network of communities committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for City of Azusa to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, and the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and States.

Sincerely,

Sergio Gonzalez
City Manager