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Dear Ms. McPherson,

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, we are pleased to have the opportunity to join the network of AARP Age-Friendly Communities as part of our own Age-Friendly initiative.

As the state's fastest growing big city in California, Sacramento is committed to building a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for all. It is estimated that 15 percent of Sacramento’s population is age 60 or older and that the fastest growing age group is ages 60-64.

The City of Sacramento is committed to actively work towards making Sacramento a great place for people of all ages. It is the City’s policy to promote the design of complete and well-structured neighborhoods whose physical layout is family-friendly and addresses the needs of all ages and abilities. I am excited about the prospect of furthering this vision in a more focused effort and across a broader array of livability domains, beginning with public outreach.

The City of Sacramento will leverage the Sacramento 2040 General Plan Update and expand focused outreach to involve older people; conduct a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the community; develop an Age-Friendly Action Plan based on the findings from community outreach and the assessment; identify indicators for monitoring progress; and submit a progress report at the end of five years. In addition, the City will incorporate longer-term goals, policies, and actions into the 2040 General Plan to facilitate continual improvement thereafter.

I look forward to working with AARP California members and volunteers, the Agency on Aging Area 4, the Adult and Aging Commission, and other local service providers and stakeholders to develop and implement a plan to prepare for Sacramento’s growing aging population.

Sincerely,

Darrell Steinberg  
Mayor, City of Sacramento