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Mr. Nazarians:

On behalf of the City of Temple City, we are excited about the opportunity to join AARP California and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Temple City is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

Temple City’s total population is 35,558, of which 7,504 (or 21.1%), are above the age of 60. This percentage is higher than both Los Angeles County (16.8%) and the State of California (17.8%). As such, having a plan to ensure our present and future senior populations are adequately taken care of is essential.

To that end, beginning in 2016, the City of Temple City began a process to develop a holistic approach to planning for providing services to older adults. The concept was to develop a “Senior Master Plan” that would review existing services, better understand the needs of older adults, look for gaps in services, and make recommendations for enhancing current services or adding additional programs.

To that end, in 2018, the Temple City, City Council approved the Temple City Senior Master Plan (TCSMP). The comprehensive document will help provide a roadmap to further improve the lives of present and future older adults living in Temple City.

In closing, the City of Temple City is committed to implementing the recommendations listed within the TCSMP as well as providing the necessary infrastructure to allow our citizens to age with dignity. We look forward to working with AARP California representatives, volunteers, and stakeholders to establish Temple City as an Age-Friendly Community.

Sincerely,

Nanette Fish
Mayor