



June 3, 2019

Ms. Kay Sibetta
AARP Georgia Associate State Director
999 Peachtree Street, NE
Suite 1110
Atlanta, GA 30309

Re: AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities: Membership Application

Dear Ms. Sibetta:

On behalf of Athens-Clarke County, we are excited for the opportunity to join the network of AARP Georgia and the World Health Organization (WHO) in becoming an Age-Friendly Community. Along with the other selected communities across the nation, Athens-Clarke County is committed to promoting policies that will make American cities friendly to aging communities.

Throughout my career of public service, I have recognized the needs of our aging population and the need to improve the quality of life for all residents regardless of age. Athens-Clarke County has a long history of ensuring that the aging community has access to necessary services, is valued and able to contribute to civic life, and lives within a suitable environment that strongly supports them to remain healthy and age safely, with purpose and dignity.

Therefore, I see great value in the AARP Network and I am excited to begin establishing Athens-Clarke County as an Age-Friendly city. My administration is committed to advancing public and aging policy goals within the World Health Organization's eight established domains.

I look forward to working with the AARP Georgia State Office, its members and volunteers, and other stakeholders to establish an advisory committee and create a plan of action that responds to the needs of our community. I have no doubt that Athens-Clarke County can be a shining example of Age-Friendliness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Girtz'.

Kelly Girtz
Mayor

MAYOR KELLY GIRTZ
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