



November 20, 2019

Mr. Brad Anderson
600 East Court Avenue, Suite 100
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mr. Anderson,

On behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids, I am pleased to support the opportunity for Cedar Rapids to join the World Health Organization and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The City of Cedar Rapids recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics. Moreover, the City of Cedar Rapids strives to support active and healthy lifestyles for all.

Currently, 14 percent of Cedar Rapids' population is age 65 or better, with considerable increases projected. The Age-Friendly Network supports the City's vision and comprehensive plan, EnvisionCR, including the overall guiding principle "Live Healthy" and through promotion strategies that attract people of all ages.

At their October 19, 2019 meeting, the Cedar Rapids City Council approved Resolution 1312-10-19 in support of applying to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Cedar Rapids' membership to the Age-Friendly Communities Network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Hart".

Bradley G. Hart
Mayor