



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

September 17, 2019

Ms. Sarah Waddle
AARP Indiana State Director
1 N. Capitol Ave. Suite 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Waddle:

On behalf of the City of Fort Wayne, please accept this letter of commitment as part of the city's enrollment into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. I see exceptional value in making Fort Wayne more age-friendly, and I am committed to aligning city resources, promoting policies, and seeking additional opportunities to empower older adults to live a life of great quality and personal independence.

The City of Fort Wayne values all of its residents and visitors and enrolling in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities is a testament to our appreciation. Fort Wayne is the second largest city in Indiana, known for its booming downtown and renowned affordability. With these celebrated attributes, we are well-poised to continue to offer the best quality of life in the state—at every stage of life.

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Senior Information Fair, I am officially recommencing the city's previous Senior Advisory Council as the *Mayor's Age Friendly Community Advisory Council*. The council will comprise of individuals, including adults 50 years of age and older, who represent the Eight Domains of Livability: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information, and Community and Health Services. These facets of our community will serve as the framework for the council to organize its projects and measure its progress. Furthermore, the Senior Advisory Council will be charged with overseeing the implementation of our Age-Friendly Community efforts, including:

- Conducting a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the Summit City;
- Draft a community-wide action plan based on those findings;
- Identify indicators within the Eight Domains of Livability to monitor progress;
- Oversee implementation of the action plan; and
- Conduct ongoing evaluation and submit progress reports to AARP, Inc.

I look forward to working with community stakeholders, including AARP Indiana staff and volunteers, to learn more about the needs of our older residents, including the policies, infrastructure, and services we must develop and expand, to make Fort Wayne a better place for people of all ages, especially older adults, throughout the Age-Friendly Community process.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Henry
Mayor, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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