

February 25, 2019

AARP Michigan Associate State Director  
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Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Karen Kafantaris,

On behalf of the City of Royal Oak, we are elated to declare our interest in participating in the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities & Communities. Royal Oak is committed to ensuring the welfare and enhancing the lives of senior citizens through programs and opportunities geared towards those who are age 45 and older. Royal Oak recognizes the necessity of creating and sustaining age-friendly policies and programs to support independent living amongst our senior citizens.

On February 12, 2018, the city commission approved creation of the Royal Oak Senior Services/ Aging in Place Task Force. According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, more than 25% of Royal Oak's residents will be age 60 or older by 2030. As Royal Oak's population ages, the city recognizes the need to ensure that policies and community amenities, such as housing and transportation, are senior friendly. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Royal Oak City Commission passed a resolution to actively work toward becoming an Age-Friendly Community.

As a participant in the Network of Age Friendly Communities, the City of Royal Oak is committed to:

- Engage with seniors to identify city elements and policies that can be altered or created to better facilitate senior living.
- Develop a five-year action plan to address community engagement feedback.
- Measure the impacts of action plan activities and report on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP, its members, and volunteers to create a sustainable community for all residents. Royal Oak is committed to ensuring that all residents are able to age with dignity.

Sincerely,



Michael Fournier  
Mayor