



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

March 15, 2019

Ms. Kathleen Connell
Sr. State Director
AARP Rhode Island
10 Orms St.
Providence, RI 02904

Dear Ms. Connell:

We are excited to pursue the opportunity of Providence joining together with AARP Rhode Island and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly City. We are happy to join other communities throughout the country in pursuit of creating a city for our aging population that has the resources to be healthy, independent and play an active part in their community.

The Providence area has one of the the fastest growing population of adults over 55, and ranks 9th in the nation for residents in this age group. Rhode Island as a whole has the highest proportion of adults age 85 and older. To successfully address the needs of our aging population, we will engage community leaders, policy makers, funding agencies, and academia. We need to build a sustainable city for all, especially for our seniors to stay fit and age-well in place. My administration is committed to advancing policies in alignment with the WHO established domains and Age-Friendly Rhode Island.

We look forward to working with AARP Rhode Island staff, volunteers, seniors and Age-Friendly community leaders to create an action plan that will address the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Elorza", written over a horizontal line.

Jorge O. Elorza

Mayor

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