



Shelby County Government

LEE HARRIS
MAYOR

September 16, 2019

Rebecca Kelly, Director
AARP of Tennessee
150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 180
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

VIA U.S. MAIL

Dear Ms. Kelly:

As Mayor of Shelby County, I welcome the opportunity to provide this letter of commitment to our ongoing effort toward creating an inclusive livable community and respectfully request membership to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Cities. Shelby County Government recognizes the importance of encouraging and implementing age-friendly policies that will promote independent and purposeful living, support active and healthy lifestyles, and sustain economic and social vitality.

Shelby County has an Advisory Council on issues regarding aging that is affiliated with the Aging Commission of the Mid-South. This is a diverse group, including seniors, executives from local non-profit providers, funding agencies, policy makers, and academia. Our goal is to ensure our aging community members have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

Just as an age-friendly Shelby County will accommodate people of all ages and walks of life, it will take such a broad coalition to move this effort forward to a successful conclusion. Becoming an age-friendly community will require widespread community support and a shared mindset that must be incorporated into every phase of life: the way we design our parks, our streets, our neighborhoods, and more. Together, we can lay the foundation for Shelby County to thrive as an age-friendly community for generations to come.

I look forward to working with AARP of Tennessee and other community stakeholders as well as members of staff to create a strategy for Shelby County to become an age-friendly community.

All the best,

Lee Harris
Mayor

LH/mh