



Office of the Mayor and City Council  
Date: October 15, 2019



Ms. Charlene Hunter-James  
AARP  
Texas State President  
8140 Walnut Hill Ln., Ste 108  
Dallas, Tx 752321

Dear Ms. James,

On behalf of the City of Lancaster, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly community; and respectfully request membership to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities, and Communities. Lancaster recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address our changing demographics; as well as enhancing independent living, and committing to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging residents. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Lancaster is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to the aging population. One example of this, is the collaboration with Dallas Area Agency on Aging for the implementation of the Congregate Meals Program for the Senior Life Center.

The City of Lancaster is the Shining Star of Texas; located in what I like to call the "golden box". With Interstate 35E to the west, Interstate 20 to the north, Interstate 45 to the east, and the proposed Loop 9 to the south. There are plenty of opportunities for residents from all walks of life to come and join our community. Lancaster embraces civic engagement, and encourages its residents to get involved with the community they live in. In June of 2019, Lancaster was awarded the great distinction of "All-America City". This award is a testament to the collaboration, and community involvement the City displays.

During a 2019 strategic planning session, City Council placed senior care initiatives on our goals and objectives. We believe in creating healthy places to live, work and play, promoted by community empowerment; while actively pursuing sustainable policy systems and environmental changes that make Lancaster a healthier place to live.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for the City of Lancaster to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

Clyde C. Hairston  
Mayor

