December 18, 2019

Ms. Tina Tran
AARP Texas State Director
98 San Jacinto Blvd. Suite 750
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Tran:

On behalf of the City of Rowlett, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Texas and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other communities in the nation, Rowlett is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to the aging population.

In Rowlett, we hold our older citizens in high regard. Their life experience and broad range of knowledge has proven invaluable as our community has grown. In fact, the Rowlett City Council has an appointed Senior Advisory Board, whose mission is to generate public awareness of and support for senior citizens’ concerns, and to provide those citizens with information of interest to them. The Senior Advisory Board also proposes solutions and makes recommendations to the City Council concerning issues important to our older population.

I see great value in the AARP Network and am excited to embark upon the journey establishing Rowlett as an Age-Friendly City. As a participant in the national network of communities, the City of Rowlett will continue to include the active engagement of older adults in community decisions; secure a council resolution to enhance our age-friendly efforts; establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community; commit to measuring activities, review actional plan outcomes and report on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP Texas staff and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place to allow our older citizens to remain engaged and age with dignity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tammy Dana-Bashian
Mayor