



## City of Tacoma

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Mayor Victoria Woodards

December 10, 2019

Amanda Frame  
AARP Community Outreach Director  
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Dear Amanda,

On behalf of the City of Tacoma, we are excited for the opportunity to join with AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with many other cities in the nation, Tacoma is committed to promoting policies to make this city friendly to aging populations.

Tacoma is the third largest city in Washington State. As of the 2017 American Community Survey, almost 19% of our community is already over the age of 60, with another 13% over 50. By 2025 alone, we expect our total population to be 240,000 and over 300,000 by 2040 with the percentage of residents over 50 continuing to grow in line with state trends.

To address the growing population over the age of 50, our City passed a resolution on July 30, 2019 proclaiming our commitment to work with the Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center, local nonprofit providers, funding agencies, policy makers, local academic institutions, and community members. This resolution also stated our commitment to create mechanisms to involve our aging community in decisions and establish a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of our City in the first two years.

Our City will use this assessment to align an Age-Friendly action plan into our existing Tacoma 2025 community strategic plan and performance measures. Tacoma 2025 will include goals highlighted based on our findings, and establish additional indicators to measure our progress on those goals in creating a community where older members of our community can continue to have a high quality of life that is rewarding, productive, and safe.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for the City of Tacoma to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities. We look forward to this collaboration and the connections this designation will bring to Tacoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V. Woodards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Victoria R. Woodards  
City of Tacoma, Washington