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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – To Join AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities & the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS **APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE:** 4/16/20

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Tempe

STATE: Arizona

POPULATION SIZE: 192,364

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 14.6% 65+, (6.7% male, 7.9% female), *censusreporter.org*

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mark Mitchell, Mayor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 31 E 5th St, Tempe, AZ 85281

MAILING ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: P.O. Box 5002, Tempe, Arizona 85280

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

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Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

The Education, Family & Community Support section supports Mayoral and Council initiatives, working with our local school districts, higher education partners, and community partners to facilitate the success of all Tempe children, families, and older adults 50+ by aligning City resources. Allison is tasked with ensuring there is a coordinated delivery of services that promote well-being and quality of life by assisting older adults in accessing public benefits and resources, connecting older adults to employment and volunteer opportunities, and creating and promoting a network of social engagement opportunities.

Allison provides oversight for AARP Experience Corps and Dementia Friendly Tempe, and she is co-facilitating a Senior Roundtable of community partners with Tempe Community Council, Kim Van Nimwegen. Allison and her esteemed colleagues have already started taking steps to implement a collaborative age-friendly initiative in Tempe by inviting key stakeholders to preliminary conversations about livable communities including presenting at a City Council Work Study to gain the support of Mayor and Council and facilitating a Tempe Accelerates presentation open to the public about the progress of Dementia Friendly Tempe.

Upon formal acceptance by AARP into the program she will move forward by facilitating conversations around growing the group who will be dedicated to garnering participation from older adults, identifying strategic priorities that are already in action, conducting the needs assessment and developing an actionable plan.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter, which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe.

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Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1. Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

The City of Tempe is deeply rooted in its commitment to be an inclusive, transparent, and high performing organization. As part of the larger framework, Tempe Human Services and Community Services offer a wide range of programs and services to assist individuals and families with improving their quality of life. Tempe has four recreational facilities that offer specific programs and partnerships for Adults 50+ and include health and wellness resources, recreational and social activities, volunteer and continued learning opportunities and more. The following links provide further information on offerings: [Tempe Connections](#), [Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#). With the help of our community partnerships, Tempe offers many additional services such as home delivered meals, dial-a-ride, Tempe Orbit Bus, Tempe Flash Bus and Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Tempe is already in action to achieve an age-friendly community with dedicated staffing to help us achieve this strategic priority and performance measure. Stakeholders that are committed to age-friendly planning already include:

AARP Foundation Experience Corps

Dementia Friendly Tempe Action Team

Tempe Community Action Agency

Tempe Community Council

2. How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming more age-friendly?

We have already started informal listening tours and plan to organize several focus groups, telephonic & digital surveys to garner participation from older adults. We have a very committed and engaged group of older adults who volunteer in various programs throughout the city. We will invite them to participate in both focus groups and in the creation of the action plan.

3. Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

We anticipate the circle of key stakeholders will grow. One of our first steps will be presenting to city level directors to gain their support in developing our plan. We have already established a Senior Round Table (community organizations), and will continue to invite more participation.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

4. How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

As we learn and create successful practices in the areas of: anticipating and responding flexibly to aging-related needs and preferences; respecting older people's decisions and lifestyle choices; reducing inequities; protecting those who are most vulnerable; and promoting older people's inclusion in and contribute to all areas of community life; we will contribute by sharing policy, practices and programs with the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

5. What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

In 2015, at the White House Conference on Aging, City of Tempe was designated as one of six upcoming "dementia friendly communities" that would help lead the national collaboration. In 2016, the City launched Dementia Friendly Tempe in partnership with the Banner Alzheimer's Institute to make Tempe a livable place for people with dementia. This is now a pillar in the community that continues to inspire new communities to take action.

The Dementia Friendly work in addition to the findings from the 2017 assessment to determine older adult needs in Maricopa County done in by the Area Agency on Aging in partnership with Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center at Arizona State University led city leaders to lean in more and to co-mingle conversations around topics like social isolation, transportation, living in place / adaptable housing, and access to community resources. This coupled many strategic priorities that are moving work toward achievable outcomes to address the needs of older adults. The creation of a Senior Round Table has provided a

place where community stakeholders can learn how to gain momentum through Tempe Community Council Human Services funding opportunities that bring efforts to support older adults in concert with other efforts in the city. Additionally, the city answered by creating a position in the Education, Family and Community Support section of the Human Services team to help bring focus to an even stronger approach to meeting the needs of older adults. This has led the city to pursue membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

6. Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours:

Request made for logo development; logo will be provided when complete.

Susie Steckner, Public Information Officer, City of Tempe, (4/13/20)

