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City of Foster City

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Dear Mr. Nazarians:

On behalf of the City of Foster City, I am pleased to offer this letter in support of our application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, the institutional affiliate of the World Health Organization's (WHO) International initiative to encourage age-friendly community efforts. The City of Foster City recognizes the importance of promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address our evolving demographics and enhance independent living. We maintain a strong commitment to serving the various needs of our community, and in alignment with the principles of an Age-Friendly City, we will continue to support the health, vibrancy, and livability of our community for all ages.

Foster City is located in the Bay Area's peninsula, with an aging population expected to nearly double by 2040. With such rapid growth of this age demographic, we strongly believe that the Age-Friendly City goals of ensuring that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of our City's future are intrinsic.

Foster City, alongside its neighbors, has built local collaborative partnerships within the County of San Mateo by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age-Friendly Initiative forward in this region. To respond to the growing needs of our residents, we have formed an Age-Friendly Community Task Force to take the necessary steps towards becoming recognized as an Age-Friendly City.

As outlined in our application, we are committed to a cycle of continual improvement, specifically by:

- Conducting a baseline community assessment on the needs of older adults in Foster City;
- Establishing mechanisms by which we can support and meet the goals of an age-friendly community;
- Establishing an action plan to address the identified needs based on our assessment; and
- Developing tools and key indicators to measure the progress of the action plan.

We look forward to working with AARP/WHO as we work towards increasing the Age-Friendliness of our City to provide residents with the resources they need to remain as independent and vitally involved with their community as possible.

Sincerely,

Catherine Mahanpour, Mayor
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