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Rafi Nazarians, AARP California
Associate State Director, Community
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Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the City of Riverside, California, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to support our Commission on Aging's effort to join AARP's Age-Friendly Communities network. Riverside is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the well-being of citizens in all stages of life.

It is our Commission on Aging's mission to advocate for programs that promote successful aging and improve the quality of life for all residents. They believe that there is great value in utilizing the AARP's Eight Domains of Livability as their framework to advocate for a more age-friendly city. They are particularly interested in advocating for more affordable housing for our senior residents.

As a participant in the AARP and the World Health Organization [WHO] Age-Friendly Community it is the intent of Riverside's Commission on Aging to:

- Pursue the active engagement of older adults in the planning process through outreach and inclusion by bringing events to where older people live and recreate.
- Pursue outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, providers of aging services and host events designed for older people.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older people.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine we are meeting our goals.
- Keep the public, especially older people, informed throughout the process.

We are pleased to lend our support for the Commission on Aging's effort to join this initiative and look forward to watching these efforts flourish.

Sincerely,

William R. "Rusty" Bailey, III
Mayor

Al Zelinka
City Manager

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