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Rafi Nazarians
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Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the City of San Mateo, I whole-heartedly support our application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, the United States affiliate of the World Health Organization's (WHO) International initiative to encourage age-friendly community efforts. The San Mateo City Council unanimously approved the application at its September 21, 2020 meeting. The City of San Mateo maintains a strong commitment to serving the various needs of our community, and as an Age-Friendly City we will continue to support the health, vibrancy, and livability of our community for all ages.

Located in the heart of the Bay Area's peninsula and with our over 65 population being our most rapidly growing age demographic, we are committed to Age-Friendly City goals to ensure that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of our City's future.

San Mateo 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. We formed an Age-Friendly Community Task Force comprised primarily of older adults from the community that are committed to:

- Conducting a baseline community assessment on the needs of older adults.
- Establishing a three-year action plan to address the identified needs.
- Developing tools 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 its residents with the tools and resources they need to remain as independent and vitally involved with their community as possible.

Sincerely,

Joe Goethals, Mayor, City of San Mateo, CA

cc San Mateo Age Friendly Cities Task Force