



**Armondo Pavone** Mayor

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To Our Renton Community:

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Renton's application to become an AARP and World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly City. This is the first step in demonstrating our commitment to providing a livable community where all generations have value, thrive and age with respect.

Older adults are a vital part of the fabric of our neighborhoods and civic life. Changing demographics drive the timing of our effort, with the number of Renton residents 65 and older expected to more than double—over 1 in 5 people by 2030!

This year starts a two-year process where we assess how the city can meet the needs of our residents, focusing specifically on older residents and those with different abilities. Once the needs are identified, we'll develop an action plan showing how the city will support the domains of livability identified by WHO. We will involve all sections of our city in the effort: residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses and faith-based communities.

Upon conclusion we will have a roadmap that will create a more inclusive, equitable and accessible city. Age-Friendly communities benefit all, whether it be an 8-year-old or an 80-year-old. This endeavor will be just one part of an evolving community process that will benefit generations to come.

For questions or additional information, contact the Recreation & Neighborhood Director at 425-430-6615 or [mvanceleave@rentonwa.gov](mailto:mvanceleave@rentonwa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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