



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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World Health Organization
Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities
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Dear Committee Members:

Fairfax is a small town in Marin County in the San Francisco Bay Area, located north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Data projections from the US Department of Finance indicate that in 2014 the number of persons in Marin County over the age of 60 is 26.7% of Marin's total population. This means that of the 7,500 Fairfax residents, approximately 2,000 residents are over the age of 60. By 2030, that percentage is expected to increase to 33%.

To respond to the growing needs of our residents, the Fairfax Town Council voted unanimously to commit to a better future for our aging community by taking the steps necessary to become a member of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities Plan. The Council also approved the formation of an Age-Friendly Task Force to develop and implement the plan.

The Town of Fairfax understands and commits to the Cycle of Continual Improvement as outlined in the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities application. Specifically, the Town commits to:

- Establishing mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly Cities Process;
- Developing a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of Fairfax;
- Developing a three-year Town-wide action plan based on the findings of our assessment;
- Identifying indicators to monitor progress against the plan.

Continually improving Fairfax's age-friendliness for its residents is a priority for our Town.

Sincerely,

David Weinsoff, Mayor
Town of Fairfax