



Board of County Commissioners

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AARP
601 East Street
Washington, DC 20049

Dear Bill Armbruster,

As Commissioners for Boulder County, we are honored to submit this letter of ongoing commitment for our county to be considered by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an age-friendly community through AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. We care about our community members and especially our older adults who are living longer, more healthy lives. We value their wisdom and contributions and do our utmost to ensure that there are affordable, accessible services to meet their needs. For the past 25 years, the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has been promoting the health and well-being of older adults using a strengths-based, collaborative approach to providing services. In 2005, the AAA began engaging the community in articulating a shared vision of an aging-friendly Boulder County. Since that time, a diverse leadership team has regularly convened to engage community members, gather input, and update our strategic plan for aging well: *Age Well Boulder County: A Plan to Create Vibrant Communities*.

In our most recent update of the Age Well plan, hundreds of community members, advocates, aging agencies, and decision makers were engaged to identify community priorities, goals, and strategies for aging well. AAA staff, in collaboration with community partners, continue to engage the community in Age Well activities and priorities, monitoring progress towards achieving goals, and updating the plan every four years.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for Boulder County to the WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities. We look forward to joining this elite group as we continue to create vibrant, age-friendly communities in Boulder County.

Sincerely,

Elise Jones, Chair

Cindy Domenico, Vice-Chair

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