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Nancy McPherson  
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Dear Ms. McPherson:

On behalf of the City of Fremont, it is with pleasure that I write to you today to express our interest in pursuing admission into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. The City of Fremont has a long-standing history of ensuring that our residents can age in place and have access to necessary services. Older adult residents are valued and contribute to civic life and our city strives for older adults to age safely, with purpose and dignity.

The effort to obtain Age-Friendly status will be led by the City of Fremont's Human Services Department (HSD), which has provided and coordinated community-based services since 1978. The HSD has received national recognition for providing innovative older adults services. We were one of eight programs to be selected nationally by Robert Wood Johnson foundation to demonstrate best practices in RWJ's *Partnership for Older Adults* initiative. This multi-year grant formalized our foundation of community integration and established processes for understanding the unique needs of older adults in our service area. We have established mechanisms to involve older people in the development of an age-friendly action plan that will establish a baseline assessment of age-friendliness and identify indicators so progress can be monitored.

Throughout my career of public service, I have strived to improve the lives of older adults and see value in the AARP Network and establishing Fremont's Age-Friendly City status. In preparing for the growing aging population, we are committed to advancing public and aging policy goals with the World Health Organization's eight establish domains for Age-Friendly Cities.

I look forward to working with AARP California and have no doubt that the City of Fremont will be a model of Age-Friendliness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Harrison".

Bill Harrison  
Mayor



