



City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Ms. Dana Marie Kennedy
State Director, AARP Arizona
16165 N. 83rd Avenue, Suite 201
Peoria, Arizona 85382

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

On behalf of the City of Phoenix, we are excited about the opportunity to partner with AARP Arizona and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Last week, the Phoenix City Council voted 7 to 1 to have the city join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Phoenix is one of the world's great cities because we provide opportunity and vibrant lifestyle options for residents of all ages. We will continue to build a sustainable innovation-based economy that works for everyone, modernize our transportation system and revitalize Downtown. It is important that we keep an age-friendly perspective to move Phoenix forward.

The City of Phoenix, as the newest member of the national network of communities, will join a number of large U.S. cities that have pledged to plan and prepare for worldwide trends of rapid population aging and urbanization. As a participant, it is the intent of the City of Phoenix to:

- Identify and involve stakeholders, including older adults in the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

I look forward to working with the AARP Arizona State Office, its members and volunteers, and community stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs in the community. The city of Phoenix is committed to becoming a leader in Age-Friendliness.

Respectfully,

Greg Stanton
Mayor, City of Phoenix