



April 5, 2017

World Health Organization
Age-Friendly City – Application Review Committee
Avenue Appia 20
CH-1211 Geneva 27
SWITZERLAND

Re: AGE FRIENDLY CITY APPLICATION

Dear Application Review Committee:

On behalf of the City of Mill Valley and the City Council, I am pleased to support the City's application to the World Health Organization to be designated as an Age-Friendly City. The City is committed to assessing and improving our community and services to be accessible to, and inclusive of, an older population.

Demographic data for Mill Valley indicate that senior citizens continue to represent a growing segment of the community. Based on the 2010 US Census, it is estimated that 19% of the population (13,903) in Mill Valley is 65 years or older, which is higher than the state of California's average of 11% and approximately half of all seniors in Mill Valley are 75 years or older. One in three Mill Valley households has an individual over the age of 65. Of the 6,084 Mill Valley households, 888 (15%) are seniors living alone. The City's population also continues to age--since 1990, the median age has gone from 41 to 47, and is a significantly older population than California's population as whole (median age of 35).

We, as a City, are committed to:

- The World Health Organizations (WHO) Age-Friendly principles;
- Conducting a baseline assessment of our City's current standing with the age friendly criteria set by WHO;
- Implementing the City's General Plan programs that directly relate and respond to the needs of older adults in the community; and
- Measuring and reporting on the implementation of General Plan programs with the goal of implementing one new age friendly practice a year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Sloan".

Jessica Sloan
Mayor, City of Mill Valley