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VIA: First Class Mail

Dr. Lisa Warth
World Health Organization Global Network of
Age Friendly Cities and Communities
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Dear Dr. Warth and Members of the World Health Organization,

On behalf of the Town of Los Gatos, I request and endorse our designation by the World Health Organization as an Age-Friendly Community. The Town of Los Gatos maintains a strong commitment to serving the various needs of our community, and as an Age-Friendly Community we will continue to support the health and vibrancy of all ages.

Nestled in the base of the majestic Santa Cruz Mountains, located about 60 miles south of San Francisco, Los Gatos offers a small town feel with big time appeal. With a population of over 31,000 highly educated residents, Los Gatos is a unique community offering natural beauty that inspires a healthy lifestyle. Residents and visitors alike love Los Gatos' small town charm, unique architecture, pedestrian-friendly design, and historic downtown brimming with shops, restaurants, and other offerings to please a variety of tastes. Los Gatos has many parks, greenbelt areas, and the famous Los Gatos Creek Trail, along with year-round events that provide recreational activities for residents and visitors. High quality schools make Los Gatos an attractive place for families. Los Gatos enjoys a high level of community pride and involvement.

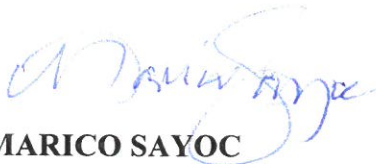
The Town of Los Gatos has built a collaborative partnership with the County of Santa Clara by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age-Friendly Initiative forward in this region. We have formed an Age-Friendly task force comprised of older adults and professionals who provide services to older residents in the community. Based on the survey and other analysis, our key work plan items include exploring:



- A community collaborative to offer social events and dances.
- More emergency preparedness training opportunities to residents.
- An infographic resource describing available community services for all residents.
- Options for additional senior transportation.

We look forward to working with WHO as we create an Age-Friendly Community that provides our residents with the tools and resources they need to remain healthy and active throughout their lives.

Sincerely,



MARICO SAYOC
Mayor

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cc: Town Council