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Dr. Lisa Warth
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Members of the World Health Organization,

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

The County of Santa Clara has a richly diversified resident population. With an over-65 population being the most rapidly growing age demographic. Through our commitment to Age-Friendly Community goals we will ensure that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of our County's future.

Over the past seven years, the County of Santa Clara has made a significant effort to revitalize its services to meet the needs of our older adult population. Starting in 2011, the County revamped its mental health services to better meet the needs of our older residents. The County also examined other aspects of senior services bringing together community leaders, nonprofit organizations and government agencies to identify service gaps and develop ways to address them. This effort has continued through the years, and has resulted in significant changes in programming. The County has a Senior Care Commission that continues to review the efforts and provide feedback for improvement.

We look forward to working with WHO as we create an Age-Friendly Community that provides its residents with the tools and practices enabling them to remain healthy and active throughout their lives.

Sincerely,

Dave Cortese
President, Board of Supervisors