

County of San Diego

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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April 7, 2016

Ms. Nancy McPherson State Director, AARP 200 S. Los Robles Avenue, Suite 400 Pasadena, CA 91101-2422

RE: Membership Application to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

Dear Ms. McPherson:

As elected Supervisors of San Diego County, we represent an aging and growing population. San Diego's population of people over 65 years of age is expected to increase by two-thirds within the next 15 years and will comprise 20% of the overall county population which currently consists of 3.2 million people. To continue our efforts on important aging-related issues, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an action to submit an application to join AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

By participating in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, the County of San Diego will become a better place for citizens of all ages to live and thrive. AARP's program will provide our County with access to a global network of participating communities and access to key information and policy analyses.

Since 2010, our County and community have been engaged in a bold strategy, entitled *Live Well San Diego*. *Live Well San Diego* is focused on creating healthy, safe and thriving communities for all San Diego County residents. Many of our *Live Well San Diego* strategies closely align with AARP's Age-Friendly Communities' Program. Specifically in the areas of transportation, housing, civic participation, community support and health services, the County of San Diego has been a leader in the region in developing policies and initiatives that improve the lives of all residents. Joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities will enhance our commitment to this segment of our population while also aligning our County with other communities globally that share our commitment.

We appreciate your consideration. It is a privilege to join so many communities around the world striving to improve the lives of citizens of all ages.

Sincerely.

DIANNE JACOB

Vice-Chairwoman

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Supervisor, First District