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Mr. Rafi Nazarians AARP California Associate State Director 200 S. Los Robles Ave., Ste. 400 Pasadena, CA 91101-2422

Dear Mr. Nazarians.

On behalf of the City of Glendale, we are excited to partner with AARP California to become an "Age-Friendly Community." Along with other selected communities in the nation, Glendale is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

The greater Glendale area, comprised of Glendale, Montrose, Verdugo City, and parts of La Crescenta, is the fourth largest city in Los Angeles County, with seniors 60 years and older making up 23% of our population.

To address our increasing aging demographic, our City has recently committed to create a Senior Services Committee comprised of a diverse group, including members from non-profits, hospitals, safety personnel, policy makers, and academia. Our goal is to ensure our aging neighbors have the resources and information needed to be healthy, independent, and integrated into community life.

Our Community Services & Parks Department recently completed a Senior Needs Assessment which offered key recommendations for our older residents and community stakeholders. This information will be instrumental as we at the City of Glendale prepare to meet the diverse needs of more than 45,000 older adults.

I look forward to working with the AARP California Association state office, its members and volunteers, and other stakeholders that respond to the needs in the community. I have no doubt that Glendale can be a shining example of age-friendliness.

Sincerely.

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City of Glendale, Mayor

