

July 12, 2018

AARP

Mr. Jeff Johnson, State Director
720 28th Ave N
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today requesting admission into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. Throughout my career of public service, I have consistently supported initiatives geared toward the preservation of the independence of our aging Pompano Beach residents.

Pompano Beach has an established history of ensuring our aging community has access to necessary services, is valued and able to contribute to civic life, and has a suitable environment with strong supports in which they can remain healthy and age safely, with purpose and dignity.

For several years now, Pompano Beach has been pursuing a "Complete Streets" vision, while improving the lives of persons 50 years of age and older. As a part of this vision the City has adopted a Complete Streets manual that is intended to ensure all users experience a safe, functional, and visually appealing environment while traveling safely and conveniently on and across all surface roadways in Pompano Beach. This manual includes standards for well-designed pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations. The complete streets principals have additionally been incorporated into the City's Transit Oriented Corridor street design requirements, as well as in the design of many city streets throughout the city.

I see great value in the AARP Network and am excited to begin establishing the City of Pompano Beach as an Age-Friendly City. In preparing for the rapidly growing aging population, my Administration is committed to continuing public and aging policy goals within the World Health Organization's eight established domains: making outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly; maintaining the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing; maintaining programs that advance social inclusion and civic engagement; ensuring general access to information and health services; and protecting against abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

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I look forward to working with the AARP, its members and volunteers, and other stakeholders as we institute a plan of action that specifically responds to needs in our aging community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lamar Fisher', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Lamar Fisher
Mayor

Cc: Laura Cantwell, Associate State Director
Ken Reinhardt