



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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MAYOR

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State Director Michael Festa
AARP Massachusetts
1 Beacon Street, Suite 2301
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the City of Somerville and the Somerville Council on Aging, I am pleased to submit this letter and application requesting membership in the AARP WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Communities.

Somerville is committed to being a great place to live, work, play, raise a family, and grow old. Somerville is a community that celebrates our demographic diversity. Among our residents ages 65 and older, we have lifelong residents as well as recent immigrants. We have residents from all over the world, some native English speakers and some English language learners. We have residents of all abilities, backgrounds, and talents, and we celebrate each and every one of them through our policies and programming every day.

Like many communities across Massachusetts, Somerville works hard to advance policies and programs that support our older residents, particularly as the population of Americans over the age of 65 continues to rise. For instance, our City's mobility efforts are carefully crafted with our older residents in mind, ensuring that all of our community members have equitable access to affordable, safe, and convenient modes of transportation.

Similarly, as we continue to address the many challenges that face our community and the entire region, we work on behalf of our older residents to ensure equal and affordable access to housing, social services, healthcare and more. We are committed to building upon our existing policies, improving our infrastructure, and empowering our community members. I believe that becoming an Age Friendly Community will greatly increase the visibility of these efforts.

We are excited to become a part of this wonderful global community, and hope you will look favorably on our application before you today.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

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