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

Dear Mr. Nazarians,

Subject: City of Santa Clarita to Become an Age-Friendly Community

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita, we are excited about the opportunity to join with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities, Santa Clarita is committed to continuing the promotion of good health and quality of life to aging populations.

The City's population has increased 30 percent to 225,000 residents since 2009, making Santa Clarita the third most populous city in Los Angeles County, with seniors 55 years and older making up over 18 percent of our population. To address our increasing aging demographic, our City has already committed to updating our Parks and Recreation Work Plan, where the survey and action plan requirements of this process are being integrated. The information from the community survey will be instrumental as we at the City of Santa Clarita prepare to meet the diverse needs of our aging population.

The City of Santa Clarita commits to the cycle of continual improvement as outlined in the AARP Network for Age-Friendly Communities Application. We are committed to:

- Establishing mechanisms to involve senior residents
- A baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the community



- The development of a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment
- Identification of indicators so progress can be monitored against the action plan

We look forward to joining the global network of communities committed to giving older adults the opportunity to live rewarding and productive lives. Thank you for your consideration of the City of Santa Clarita's application to join the network and become an Age-Friendly Community.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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cc: Members of the City Council