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Dr. Lisa Warth
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Global Network Of Age Friendly Cities and Communities
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Members of the World Health Organization,

On behalf of Redwood City, I request and endorse our designation by the World Health Organization as an Age-Friendly Community. Redwood City maintains a strong commitment to serving the various needs of our community, and as an Age-Friendly City we will continue to support the health and vibrancy of all ages.

Located roughly midway between San Francisco and San Jose in the heart of Silicon Valley, Redwood City is a city with a diverse population of roughly 76,800 residents. Our over-65 population in Redwood City is the most rapidly growing age demographic, and by committing to Age-Friendly City goals we will ensure that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of our City's future.

Redwood City has built a collaborative partnership with the County of San Mateo by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age-Friendly Initiative forward in this region. We have formed an Age-Friendly task force comprised primarily of older adults and service providers from the community that are committed to:

- Conducting a baseline community assessment on the needs of older adults.
- Establishing a three-year action plan to address the identified needs.
- Developing tools to measure the progress of the action plan.

We look forward to working with WHO as we create an Age-Friendly City that provides its residents with the tools and resources they need to remain healthy and active throughout their lives.

Sincerely,

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C: Redwood City Council

Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Manager

Chris Beth, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director