

## WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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May 10, 2022

Mr. Barry Gold Director of Government Relations AARP Nevada 5820 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 190 Las Vegas, NV 89119

Dear Mr. Gold:

On behalf of Washoe County, Nevada, I am pleased to provide you this letter of commitment to creating an age-friendly community here. Washoe County is excited to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and is committed to becoming an age-friendly county that will foster economic growth and promote a high quality of life for residents of all ages.

Our Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board will work to provide recommendations to Board of County Commissioners regarding age-friendly, quality-of-life policies. They reviewed the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities program and the eight domains of livability and voted unanimously to make a formal recommendation to the Board of County Commissions to join the network.

On May 10,2022, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County considered a resolution in support of joining the Network, and I am pleased to inform you that it was approved.

As a participant in the Network, the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board will:

- Pursue active engagement of citizens of all ages in the planning process through outreach and inclusion.
- With assistance from AARP, the Senior Advisory Board will conduct a community needs assessment.
- Based on the results of the assessment, they will work with community stakeholders to prepare and implement an action plan to create a more age-friendly Washoe County.
- They will assess the plan's impact and will submit progress reports to AARP and the Washoe Board of County Commissioners.

• They will make recommendations to the Commission regarding age-friendly policies to improve important aspects of our community such as housing, transportation, communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect and inclusion, health services and community support, social participation, and ways to improve our outdoor spaces to make them more age friendly.

We look forward to our Senior Advisory Board's work with our stakeholders and AARP staff and volunteers to make our county a friendly community for all ages.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Hartung Chair, Washoe County Commission