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Dear Mr. Nazarians,

On behalf of the Town of Atherton, I am pleased to offer this letter in support of our application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, the United States affiliate of the World Health Organization's (WHO) International initiative to encourage age-friendly community efforts. Atherton 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, vibrancy, and livability of our community for all ages.

The Town of Atherton, located in San Mateo County, is one of the wealthiest places in California; but the Town is also ranked as having the highest cost of living in the United States. Currently, approximately 24% of our population is over 65 and this age group is the most rapidly growing age demographic in our community. Nevertheless, we are proud of being a livable community for residents of all ages and are committed to Age-Friendly Community goals to ensure that older adults in our community receive respect, dignity, and involvement in all aspects of the Town's future.

Atherton is building local collaborative partnerships within the County of San Mateo by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age-Friendly Initiative forward in this region. We have committed to forming an Age-Friendly Community Task Force comprised primarily of older adults 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 AARP-WHO as we work towards furthering the Age-Friendliness of our City by providing residents with the tools and resources they need to remain as independent and involved with their community as possible.

Sincerely,

Bill Widmer
Mayor
Town of Atherton