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# CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

*The City of Four Seasons*

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Dear Mr. Olender:

On behalf of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina, we are delighted to express our commitment to better serving our elderly population by growing and improving the City to become more age friendly. Hendersonville is dedicated to the success of our elderly population by helping them successfully participate in a civic, economic, and social life. It would be an honor to become part of the AARP Livable Communities Network.

With the passage of Hendersonville's *Walk Hendo Pedestrian Plan*, and alongside the development of our 2045 "*Gen H*" *Comprehensive Plan*, we are committed to improving the lives of our elderly population. The *Walk Hendo* initiative will guide the City's sidewalk policies, street improvements and private development projects - ultimately making the city better connected and safer with improved mobility for seniors. Heavily based upon feedback from our aging residents, *Gen H* will guide the city's development over the next 10 to 15 years by addressing housing, transportation, community services, recreation, and more. These plans all harness the values of AARP's Eight Domains of Livability in making a city more age-friendly through transportation, civic participation, communication and engagement, respect and social inclusion, social participation, health services, housing, and outdoor spaces.

As a member of the AARP Livable Community Network it is the intent of the City of Hendersonville to:

- Become an active and engaged member of the AARP Age-Friendly Network
- Maintain a staff liaison to the Henderson County Aging Coalition and continue to support the work of those community partners that are actively working with our senior population.
- Implement *Gen H* and *Walk Hendo* while engaging the public to gain adequate responses on the effectiveness of our plans.
- Evaluate our performance and progress with annual updates on the status of the goals and objectives of *Gen H* and *Walk Hendo*. These annual updates will be shared with our community partners.

We are delighted to be considered to become a part of a network that is so dedicated to better serving our community and other communities across the country. We look forward to learning, engaging, and participating with the organization as we endeavor to make our city a better place to live and age.

Warmest Regards,

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