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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the County of Ventura, CA, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to join the World Health Organizations Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Ventura County is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the well-being of citizens in all stages of life.

The Ventura Master Plan for Aging, is our comprehensive plan and incorporates WHO's eight domains of livability in establishing a more age-friendly county: making outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly, increasing the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing, increasing access and opportunities for social participation and inclusion through programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, supporting work and volunteer opportunities, access to communication and information, and supporting the ability of older people to age in place through community support and health services.

In developing the Ventura County Master Plan for Aging we actively engaged older adults in the planning process through outreach and inclusion by bringing events to where older people live and recreate. We also reached out to other organizations and hosted events designed for older adults to provide input as well as kept older adults informed throughout the process. The Ventura County Master Plan for Aging serves as our plan of action and is responsive to the needs identified by older adults. Further work will be done in implementing the many initiatives and measuring outcomes.

Sincerely,

Matt LaVere, Chair
Ventura County Board of Supervisors