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Jeff Johnson
Senior State Director
AARP Florida
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Coral Gables, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to creating an age-friendly community and to request membership into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

The City of Coral Gables is home to over 9,153 older adults age 60 and over, representing over 18% of our City’s population.

Because older adults are an important to our community, the City offers a wide arrangement of programs and lectures for the 50+ community. These programs our held at the City’s new Adult Activity Center, which exclusively hosts the city’s programming for residents 50 and older. These include fitness courses, support groups, leisure, arts & sciences courses, and more. We hope to build upon this work and to build a community that is livable for all ages and abilities.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of Coral Gables to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in our planning processes and committees
- Conduct a baseline assessment of age-friendliness of the community
- Develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment
- Identify indicators so progress in the plan can be monitored

We look forward to working with the AARP Florida Office, its members and volunteers, and our stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs in our community as we work to build a City for all ages.

Sincerely,

Raul Valdes-Palma
Mayor