



# WASHOE COUNTY

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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT**  
**Regarding Submission of the Washoe County Age-Friendly Action Plan (2026–2029)**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Washoe County, I am pleased to offer my full support for the submission of the 2025 Washoe County Senior Services Master Plan as the County's official AARP Age-Friendly Action Plan for 2026–2029. This comprehensive plan reflects more than three years of work by the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, Washoe County Human Services Agency–Senior Services staff, numerous partner organizations, and hundreds of older residents who contributed their experiences, ideas, and priorities to shape a stronger, more age-friendly community.

Washoe County is one of the fastest-aging counties in the United States, with a rapidly growing 60+ population that now exceeds 100,000 residents and continues to increase each year. As our demographic landscape evolves, it is critical that countywide planning reflects the needs, strengths, and voices of older adults. The Action Plan does exactly that. It draws upon extensive community assessment, public engagement, and expert input across housing, transportation, food security, social connection, health, legal protection, and communications—domains central to quality of life for all who call Washoe County home.

The Senior Advisory Board led a robust, transparent, and inclusive planning process, in collaboration with more than 30 community partners—from healthcare providers and nonprofits to government agencies, transportation experts, and senior-serving organizations. Their commitment resulted in a thoughtful and actionable roadmap with eight strategic objectives designed to strengthen independence, inclusion, safety, and engagement among Washoe County seniors.

Washoe County is proud to stand with the Senior Advisory Board in affirming our dedication to “Living Well. Aging Well.” This Action Plan supports our broader county vision of fostering communities where residents of all ages can thrive, access essential services, and remain connected to the people and places they value.

I extend my appreciation to AARP for its continued partnership and for providing a framework through the Age-Friendly Communities Network that helps guide and elevate local efforts like ours. Washoe County looks forward to implementing the objectives outlined in this plan and sharing our progress in the coming years.

Respectfully,

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