October 30, 2018
Attn: Ms. Cathy Boyer-Shesol
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Reference: 2018 Communities for All Ages Silver and Gold Recognition Applications

Dear Ms. Boyer-Shesol:

The City of Independence’s historic neighborhoods, and presidential savor from decades past make it a revered hometown for generations to come. Neighborhoods and subdivisions vary in size, and texture, most are significantly older than the emerging new developments but all are encapsulated by the same beautiful trails and outdoors spaces. As the city continues its expansion, The City of Independence desires to accommodate the needs of all residents, paying particular concern to seniors. As a result, the City has made and will continue to make gradual adjustments in support of Community for All Ages (CFAAA), through the city’s Strategic Plan: Independence for All, the Comprehensive Plan: Imagine Independence 2040 and Community for all Ages final recommendations.

Community for All Ages planning concepts have led the City of Independence Planning Commission and staff to carefully assess the city’s existing policies. Our recent assessment’s results made us keenly aware of the demands for housing choice and land-use connectivity. Our response to these demands will change the appearance of our community in a positive way, allowing residents to “age in place”, at their discretion. As we undertake the responsibilities of being a Community for All Ages, the City is committed to achieving the characteristics of a livable community that affords residents the opportunity to live in mixed use appealing neighborhoods that provide safe, walkable trails, accessibility to transit, and other conveniences that contribute to aging in-place.

To that end, the City of Independence appreciates Mid-America Regional Council’s KC Communities for All Ages Initiative that helped catapult our efforts to become an age friendly community. Enclosed you will find the City of Independence’s Community for All Ages 2018 Silver and Gold recognition applications.

Sincerely,

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Community Development Director