



November 10, 2015

Dear Ms. Wollerman:

On behalf of the City of Menasha, I wholeheartedly support the Aging Mastery Program® (AMP) grant application. The Menasha Senior Center, a unique collaboration between the City of Menasha and the Neenah Menasha YMCA, is positioned to fully and successfully implement this project.

As Mayor, I am keenly aware of changing demographics and increasing demand for skills learned in the Aging Mastery Program. According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey, it is estimated that over 25 percent of the City of Menasha residents are over the age of 55. The Aging Mastery Program® (AMP) will help baby boomers and older adults take key steps to improve their well-being, add stability to their lives, and strengthen their ties to communities.

The Menasha Senior Center welcomes any adult 55+ to participate in health and wellness activities offered. The Menasha Senior Center, participants, and the community stand to benefit from this program. The City of Menasha and Neenah-Menasha YMCA have a track record of strong collaboration that supports the application and management of this grant program.

On October 19, 2015, the City of Menasha Common Council approved the National Council on Aging: *Aging Mastery Program* grant application with the Neenah-Menasha YMCA. Throughout the three-year grant from the National Council on Aging, we stand ready to support the implementation of the grant.

We look forward to continuing our work together as we improve the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Don Merkes, Mayor

Cc: Nancy McKenney, MS, RDH
Public Health Director