

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Supporting an AARP Resolution

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend that the Council consider passing the attached Resolution supporting the efforts of Divided We Fail.

**Justification:**

Representative of the American Association of Retired People ("AARP") attended the March 24, 2008 City Council meeting and requested the Council pass a Resolution in support of its "Divided We Fail" campaign. The Administration asked for a delay in that decision until it had an opportunity to investigate further and report to Council. We have subsequently reviewed the written material provided as well as the information on its website: [www.dividedwefail.org](http://www.dividedwefail.org), particularly its formal platform.

The goals of the organization are accurately portrayed in its written material and by its prior presentation to Council. It purports to be, and appears to be, bipartisan in its approach. Its interest is in nationwide healthcare concerns and the financial well-being of individuals, the natural interests of the members of AARP.

Supporting nationwide concerns is not the usual concern of City Council but it has been done from time to time in the past, especially if the Council believes that the resolution of these concerns will have a specific impact on the City. This is a policy decision that is appropriate for the Council to consider.

**Council Action:**

A Resolution is on the agenda and no separate action need be taken on this Council Communication.