

City of Dagupan, Philippines Milpitas Sister City



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City of Dagupan

- Located in the Pangasinan Province, on the island of Luzon, 133 miles north east of Manila
- Belen T. Fernandez, Mayor since 2013
- Milpitas Sister City since April 2003
- Delegations of Officials and Students visited Milpitas annually (except 2015)



October 2018 Visit Request

- Reviewed at June 28 Sister Cities Commission
- Concerns expressed:
 - ongoing difficulties to secure home stays for students
 - time necessary to coordinate and cost to City
 - waning interest in the Milpitas community, particularly from families with students attending Milpitas High School (MHS)



SCC Recommendations

1. Invite a delegation of Dagupan officials to visit Milpitas in October 2018 with limited support of a student delegation; and
2. Inform Dagupan staff that arrangements for student school attendance and support to obtain homestays are to be secured through the Milpitas Unified School District.



Potential Costs

Activity	Estimate
Dagupan Invite Letters (Express Delivery)	\$100
SFO Bus Transportation to Milpitas	600
Hosted Lunches (Adults)	900
Event Option 1: Reception During Council Meeting	300
Event Option 2: Catered Dinner in City Park / Center	2,500
TOTAL Option 1 (includes 20 hours of staff time)	\$5,044
TOTAL Option 2 (includes 14 hours of staff time)	\$6,300



Staff Recommendations

1. Invite Dagupan Delegation to visit Milpitas October 14-19, during the MHS Spirit Week.
2. Conduct a reception for the delegation during the October 16 City Council Meeting.
3. Advise MUSD Superintendent and MHS Principal that Michael Tsai, Sister Cities Commissioner, is available to assist with school activities.



Possible Next Steps

- Prepare invitation letters
 - Invite both adults and students for visa purposes
- Coordinate topics of interest with Dagupan staff
- Advise MUSD, MHS and SCC Lead Commissioner

