

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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November 17, 2011  
Community Center meeting Room 7/8  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** October 27, 2011

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**VI. Announcements / Correspondence**

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

**VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

**1. Sister City Budget & Gifts**

**Background:** At its September 22, 2011 meeting, the Commission asked what types of gifts may be appropriate and kept in stock for visiting officials. Each Sister City has a budget of \$2,600 per fiscal year. Funding is to support visits with gifts, excursions, meals, special event tickets, etc.

**Recommendation:** Discuss gift ideas and advise staff of next steps.

**2. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2009 for a five-year term.
- No future visits planned between Milpitas and Tsukuba .
- The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary photo exchange is in progress.

**Recommendation:** Discuss new information as available.

### **3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and adult exchanges.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Chair Grilli regarding possibility of a Milpitas student / adult delegation visit to Huizhou.

### **4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 2009 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and/or adult exchanges as available.

**Recommendation:** Receive report on State Department Travel Warning.

### **5. NAM-GU CITY, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Tran is the new lead Commissioner for this friendship city relationship.

- Milpitas and Nam-Gu signed an open-ended Friendship Agreement in July 2009.
- Report information about possible activities as available.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from staff regarding email inquiry.

### **6. FIGLINE VALDARINO, ITALY: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Serpa currently leads this potential sister city relationship:

- Review status of recommendation of this relationship to City Council.
- Consider presentation of plaque from Figline Valdarino and proclamation from the County of Santa Clara at the December 6, 2011 City Council Meeting.

**Recommendation:** Discuss next steps.

### **7. FLAG ORDINANCE**

**Background:** Chair Grilli is lead for this item, which will be heard on the November 15, 2011 City Council agenda. Flag Ordinance: I-600, Section 2 – City Hall Display Flag Poles and Section 3 – Ceremonial Flag Poles. Purpose is to update the ordinance in order to officially fly country and / or city flags of Milpitas' sister cities. This item was approved by the Veterans Commission at its August 3, 2011 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff report and continue item to next meeting.

**IX. City Council Liaison Report**

**X. School District Liaison Report**

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchanges:
  - i. Huizhou City, China
  - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
  - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
  - iv. Nam-gu City, Incheon, South Korea
  - v. Figline Valdarino, Italy
2. Sister City Budget & Gifts
3. Flag Ordinance

**XII. Adjournment**

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