

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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September 22, 2011  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes: June 23, 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.

**IX. Old Business**

**1. 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.
- Report information about possible student, adult and / or cultural exchanges.

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

**2. 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 student visit in October.

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

### **3. 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 visits or cultural exchanges as available.

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

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

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

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

### **5. RESEARCH OF WESTERN EUROPEAN CITIES: STATUS REPORTS**

**Background:** Commissioners Arefi and Serpa currently lead research for possible sister city relationships with the following western European cities:

- City in Province of Florence, Italy: Commissioner Serpa and Vice Mayor McHugh will work together on continued contact with this city and to research opportunities with other Italian cities.
- Karlshamn, Sweden: Vice Chair Arefi reconnected with this city via email and is working on a response to recent correspondence from Karlshamn.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates as available and take action to remove non-responsive cities from the agenda.

## **X. City Council Liaison Report**

## **XI. School District Liaison Report**

## **XII. 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
2. Western European Sister City Research
3. Flag Ordinance

### **XIII. Adjournment**

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