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Honorable Kenichi Ichihara
Mayor, Tsukuba City
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Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8555, Japan

Dear Mayor Ichihara,

Greetings and good tidings of health and prosperity to you from the City of Milpitas! It is my pleasure to endorse your development of a mega sports complex to accommodate the Olympics and Paralympics of 2020.

Your endeavors to provide regional transportation and complete a mega sports complex by 2018 are commendable. I am impressed with the focus Tsukuba has to serve your senior and physically challenged citizens through a venue supporting the Paralympics.

The City of Milpitas also holds our seniors in high regard. The Barbara Lee Senior Center hosts fitness programs geared towards seniors to improve balance and encourage mobility. Through our programs of music, dance and art, the City of Milpitas contributes to seniors' longevity and quality of life.

Likewise, physically challenged people deserve access to facilities and programs that also provide quality of life aspects. The Milpitas Sports Center is a full service fitness center that offers access to pools, exercise equipment and classes. I am especially proud of our safe and fun water aerobics for anyone wanting to exercise with the least amount of resistance.

In other fitness areas, the City of Milpitas hosts more than 200 youth sports teams with over 5,000 youths participating in sanctioned youth sports. Milpitas Recreation Services takes great pride in providing quality sports fields for our community. And, the City of Milpitas has over 25 park locations with various amenities for enjoyment – walking trails, softball and football fields, and tennis, basketball, handball, bocce ball and volleyball courts.

On behalf of the City of Milpitas, I encourage Tsukuba City's planning and development of the Industry-Academic Collaborative Exhibition. Tsukuba City, already a leader in science and technology, is a capital city capable of great achievements in serving its citizens with the highest quality of sports programs and venues.

Tsukuba City and the City of Milpitas: We are Sister Cities with Sports Priorities!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose S. Esteves'.

Jose S. Esteves
Mayor

cc: Milpitas Sister Cities Commission
Council Liaison Carmen Montano