

Item 21



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 18, 2013
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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: County Judge
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FROM PENG HU COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN TAIWAN:

- A. REQUEST FROM WANG, CHIN-FA TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-COUNTY PROGRAM WITH TRAVIS COUNTY TO FOSTER COOPERATION IN CULTURE, TOURISM, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY;
- B. REQUEST FOR INVITATION FOR PENG HU COUNTY OFFICIALS TO VISIT TRAVIS COUNTY; AND
- C. RELATED ISSUES.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached document.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

Penghu County Government

澎湖縣政府

德克薩斯州崔維思郡

Samuel T. Biscoe 郡長閣下

世界日報 Sherry Wang(柯筱蓉小姐)在今年五月抵達台灣,期間特地到澎湖縣進行參訪,她非常熱愛貴郡以及澎湖縣兩地宜人的生活環境以及友善的風土民情,更關心兩地人民未來長遠的合作發展,提議推動崔維思郡和澎湖縣做為姊妹縣。

貴郡是德州首府所在地,人民崇尚民主、自由與正義,在文化、經貿、科技、教育以及社會福利各領域都屬高度文明發展地區,是地方治理成功的典範。

澎湖縣位處台灣海峽中點,是臺灣重要的觀光度假島嶼,也是低碳計畫的指標地區。大小 90 座島嶼是大陸文明與海洋文明交融而成的文化瑰寶,各項基礎設施完善、人民熱情友善、重視島嶼環境維護與海洋生態保育,是寂寞星球雜誌(Lonely Planet)所評選的世界十大神秘島,也是「世界最美麗海灣組織」(the Most Beautiful Bays in the World)的會員。

這封信函表達對 郡長閣下、各位議員以及貴郡人民來自太平洋西岸台灣澎湖縣最誠摯的友誼,希望我們一起促成崔維思郡與澎湖縣締結姊妹縣的計畫,讓兩地的人民未來在文化、科技、再生能源、經貿、旅遊、教育、學術方面,有合作發展的機會。崔維思郡是澎湖縣在美國德州交流最好的指引者,澎湖縣也是崔維思郡在亞洲發展的新基地。

我們衷心期盼 郡長閣下、各位議員以及所有人民幸福繁榮,崔維思郡與澎湖縣兩地在不遠的將來能開創更緊密的友誼。

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Government of Penghu County

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Travis County, Texas

Honorable County Judge Sam T. Biscoe:

Sherry Wang of "World Journal" was in Taiwan this month. During her stay, she specifically visited Penghu County. It's our understanding that she loves both places, Travis and Penghu Counties, due to their wonderful living environment and their lovely people. She thinks that the people in our two areas can cooperate and work together for future development. Further, she suggested that Travis and Penghu Counties should establish a Sister-County type of partnership.

Travis County situates at where the capital of the State of Texas is. We recognize that Travis County has been a model in management for local governments. This County is also a place of great developments in culture, economy, trade, science, education, and society welfare. People in this county emphasize democracy, freedom, and justice and equality.

Penghu County is located in the middle of the Taiwan Strait, an island of tourism which has been an important resource of Taiwan. It is also identified as a low-carbon area. This County consists of 90 islands of different sizes, being considered a focal point composed of cultures from the continent and the surrounding oceans. A famous magazine, "Lonely Planet," has identified "Penghu" to be one of the 10 great, mysterious islands in the world, because of its excellent infrastructure, friendly people, and great protection in environment. Also, Penghu has been selected as a Member of the organization, so called "Most Beautiful Bays in the World."

This letter expresses our respect and friendship to you, County Judge, other County Commissioners, and the people in Travis County. We hope, cooperatively, that Travis and Penghu Counties could have a plan to establish a Sister-County Program. This shall provide a great opportunity for cooperation and developments in culture, tourism, education, research, science and technology, and the renewable energy. Travis County may provide the best guidance to Penghu in various areas, while Penghu County can be an excellent partner of Travis County in Pacific Asia.

We would expect our two entities, Travis County and Penghu County, create, and establish a close relationship in the future. Again we express our sincere wishes and respect to the honorable County Judge and Travis County Commissioners, and the great citizens in Travis County.

Respectfully,

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