



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2014  
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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe  
Travis County Judge

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:**

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING  
RECIPROCAL TRIP TO TAIWAN:

- A. TRIP TO TAIWAN AT ZERO COST TO TRAVIS COUNTY AND NO USE OF PUBLIC DOLLARS;
- B. IDENTITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY DELEGATION; AND
- C. PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY-COUNTY RELATIONSHIP AND TO  
ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND TRADE AND  
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN TAIWAN AND TRAVIS COUNTY.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Please see attached document.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**



**SAMUEL T. BISCOE**  
COUNTY JUDGE

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**Item #23**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Commissioners Court Members

FROM: County Judge Sam Biscoe *S TB*

RE: Reciprocal Visit to Peng Hu, Taiwan

**Invitation**

A delegation of seventeen officials from Peng Hu, Taiwan recently visited Travis County to solidify establishment of a friendly-county relationship with us. These officials have invited us to visit them in May 2014 in furtherance of this relationship.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the visit is the further establishment of a friendly-county relationship. In recent communications, we noted that such visits would be to promote cultural, tourism, educational and economic interactions. Additionally, we seek to promote friendships between the two counties and the people of each.

In a new video, we prepared highlights of economic growth, business, technology and recreational and cultural features of our community. Educational exchanges have been discussed and will provide great opportunities for a beneficial relationship. In short, the relationship can be as narrow or broad as we wish to make it.

Finally, local businesses will be invited to participate as they envision business and contract opportunities.

### Itinerary

Air travel from Austin to Taipei, Taiwan on Saturday, May 17, 2014; arrive at Taipei on Sunday, May 18.

Depart Taipei for Austin on Saturday, May 24 and arrive in Austin on Sunday, May 25, 2014.

### Examples of Activities

Visit to Penghu County Government

Tour of Peng Hu Island

Visit to schools in Peng Hu and speak to students and discussion of business, academic/education, exchange students, etc.

Visit Island Museum

### Cost to Travis County

Zero

### Use of Public Funds

Zero