



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday May 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014  
**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Colleen Liedtke  
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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Steven Broberg  
Director of RMCR

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Samuel T. Biscoe  
Travis County Judge

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

REQUEST REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MEDIA SERVICES PRODUCED VIDEO REPRESENTING TRAVIS COUNTY ON RECIPROCAL TRIP TO TAIWAN. VIDEO DESCRIBES TRAVIS COUNTY AND SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES 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 documents.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

TO ENCOURAGE A SISTER-COUNTY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF PENGHU, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, U.S.A.

**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](mailto:agenda@co.travis.tx.us) by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

## Travis County Commissioners Court



# Resolution

**RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND ENCOURAGE A SISTER-COUNTY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF PENGHU, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, U.S.A.**

WHEREAS, the Republic of China(Taiwan) and United States of America have maintained and nurtured unwavering bonds of friendship that will remain beneficial and rewarding for both governments and their peoples now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2013, Travis County, Texas, U.S.A. and Penghu County, Republic of China (Taiwan), entered into a Sister County agreement for the purpose of establishing lasting and friendly relations and promoting cultural, tourism, educational and economic interactions, and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is the world's eighteenth largest economy, and the United States is the twelfth largest trading partner and the thirteenth largest overseas market for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) will further enhance economic cooperation between our two countries; including expanded trade and investment opportunities between Travis County and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Travis County wholeheartedly embrace the many years of uninterrupted cooperation and friendship that are sure to continue between our county and Taiwan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, U.S.A., that we do hereby commend the continued relationship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Travis County and support Taiwan's participation in TPP.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
Travis County Judge

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RON DAVIS  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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BRUCE TODD  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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GERALD DAUGHERTY  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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MARGARET J. GÓMEZ  
Commissioner, Precinct 4



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2014  
**Prepared By/Phone Number:** David Salazar  
Office of the Travis County Judge  
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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.

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

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

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