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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners Court Members

FROM: Sam Biscoe

DATE: September 8, 2014

**SUBJECT: Item #25 – Voting Session of September 9, 2014
 Friendly County Relationship**

A few weeks ago, members of our local Chinese Community approached me about establishing friendly sister-county relationships with three cities in mainland China. Our local residents already have established relationships and contacts with residents and officials in the selected cities in China. Both Travis County residents and Chinese residents and officials are interested in appropriate cultural and educational exchange and potential business development. It would be appropriate, in my view, if the Court were given an opportunity to extend the invitation to establish such relationships. This item is a follow-up to that discussion.

I have attached a draft letter agreement to serve as outreach and an invitation.

Such a relationship would be at zero cost to Travis County, as has been the case thus far.