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Mayor DeWayne Mark Hopkins
Office of the Mayor
5602 Reynolds Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dear Mayor Hopkins,

We are pleased to announce the 2015 U.S. – China Sister Cities Conference to celebrate the 30th Anniversaries of *Chicago's* sister cities *Shanghai and Shenyang* and to provide best practices and networking opportunities for the continued success and growth of U.S.-China sister city partnerships.

On behalf of Sister Cities International and The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, it is with great honor that we **invite you to serve on our Honorary Host Committee and attend this great gathering**. Business leaders, government officials, and citizen diplomats from the U.S. and China will convene in beautiful **Chicago, Illinois October 22-23, 2015** to discuss ways in which they can affect change in their local communities. The Conference will provide exciting opportunities for U.S. and Chinese cities to learn about strengthening exchanges and growing business opportunities through informative sessions led by industry leaders. More information can be found at: <http://www.sistercities.org/uschina>.

As a member of the Honorary Host Committee, you will join other dignitaries in championing the citizen diplomat's role in promoting world peace. You will be formally recognized in all conference marketing, public announcements and program material. Although participation is not required to be a member of the Honorary Host Committee, we do hope you will join us in October! (*Deadline for inclusion in our printed program guide is Friday, September 25, 2015*)

Sister Cities International and The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries are proud to promote and strengthen relations between the United States and China through our over 190 sister city relationships and over 40 sister state relationships. We formalized our organizations' longstanding relations in a Memorandum of Understanding signed in September 2012 in Chengdu, China, and are delighted to see the signing highlighted in the 2013 U.S.-China Strategic & Economic Dialogue. Our organizations are committed to strengthening subnational relations and people-to-people exchange to bring greater peace, prosperity, and mutual friendship between the people of the United States and China.

Sister Cities International is a non-profit membership organization that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. citizen diplomats and international communities. With a network of 2,100 cities in 145 countries throughout the world, Sister Cities International strives to build global cooperation at a municipal level, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic growth.

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries is a national people's organization engaged in people-to-people diplomacy of the People's Republic of China with the purposes of enhancing people's friendship, furthering international cooperation, safeguarding world peace, and promoting common development. It has established relations of friendship and cooperation with nearly 500 nongovernmental organizations and institutions in 157 countries.

To confirm your interest in joining the Honorary Host Committee or for more information regarding the 2015 U.S. – China Sister Cities Conference, please contact Sister Cities International at 202-347-8632.

Sincerely,

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