



## **CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** CITY REQUEST TO AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO: HOSTING OF  
COMMERCE STUDENT ABASSADORS

**MEETING DATE:** August 1, 2016

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council will consider authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to our Sister City, Aguascalientes, Mexico, to formally request the establishment of an annual goodwill program to host three (3) Commerce student ambassadors to participate in the City's Anniversary celebration in October.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Aguascalientes, Mexico, celebrates its City's anniversary in October. This year, the City will be celebrating its 441<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. As official sister cities, a Commerce delegation is invited and annually travels to Aguascalientes to participate in the scheduled festivities. Throughout our sister city relationship, Commerce elected officials, City employees, Commerce Sister City Association members and Miss Commerce have traveled to Aguascalientes to partake in their anniversary celebration.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Rebollo suggested the City reach out to our sister city on the possibility of having the City of Aguascalientes host Commerce students in October. This would be in addition to the three (3) representatives (City elected official, Sister City Association president and City staff liaison) that they host annually.

At a recent meeting between the Commerce Sister City Association and the City, it was recommended to have the City Council formally consider asking the City of Aguascalientes to host the following three (3) Commerce students in October:

1. Miss Commerce
2. Young Man of the Year
3. Commerce Sister City Association Essay Contest Winner

The purpose of this proposed goodwill program would be to expose our young ambassadors to different experiences and different parts of the world. This could be a unique opportunity for our local students to see firsthand all of the wonderful community contributions that the City and the Commerce Sister City Association have made to Aguascalientes over the course of our Sister City relationship.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Provide staff with further direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This agenda report may be carried out without additional impact on the current operating budget. However, should the City of Aguascalientes accept the City's request to host three (3) Commerce student ambassadors in October, Commerce would incur airline and travel stipend related costs for the students.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:**

This item before the City Council is not applicable to any specific 2012 Council Strategic Goals.

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Attachment: Letter to Aguascalientes