

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: August 23, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-4

Date: August 17, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace

Subject: Letter to City Council of Camoapa Inviting Two Visitors from Camoapa to attend the Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project Fund Raising "I Block" Party

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project was formed in 1986 to promote friendship and cultural understanding between the citizens of Arcata and the people of Camoapa, Nicaragua. The Sister City Project was established to encourage educational, cultural, medical and technical exchanges between the two communities. In an effort to raise funds for Sister City Projects, the City of Arcata hosts an "I Block" party each year to celebrate this friendship and support.

The Board has been asked to send a letter to the City Council of Camoapa inviting two visitors to travel to Arcata from Camoapa to participate in this year's "I Block" celebration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Invitation.

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Prepared by	Kathy Hayes			Signature	E
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Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel		Risk Manager	Other
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August 23, 2016

Esteemed City Council of Camoapa:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to invite two people from the City of Camoapa to Humboldt County and the City of Arcata.

For thirty years, the City of Arcata has enjoyed a great friendship with the City of Camoapa as part of the Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project. The sister city was formed with a mission of cultural exchange and collaboration on projects. For three decades, a lot has been shared between the two cities. Citizens have collaborated on many projects such as latrines, clean water, education centers, and scholarships for young people.

In an effort to raise funds for these projects, the Sister City Project and the City of Arcata has a party every year. This year the party "I Block" will celebrate 31 years of friendship and support. During these 31 years, many people from Arcata have traveled to Camoapa on "brigades" and have always been given a warm welcome by the Camoapans. The citizens of Arcata have also had the pleasure of hosting visitors from Camoapa. In this way, they are able to complete their mission of intercultural exchange. We would very much like to have these visitors attend the "I Block" Party this year to celebrate 31 years of friendship.

It would be a pleasure to have two visitors (Jorge Luis Martinez Matuz and his son Eduardo Jose Martinez) from Camoapa participate this year. We hope they will be able to visit.

Sincerely,

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Mark Lovelace, Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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El once de julio de 2016

Estimados Concejales de la Ciudad de Camoapa,

De parte de la oficina del condado de Humboldt, en el estado de California, les mandamos una carta para invitar a dos personas de la ciudad de Camoapa a nuestro condado y a la ciudad de Arcata.

Durante treinte años, la ciudad de Arcata ha disfrutado una gran amistad con la ciudad de Camoapa por medio del proyecto Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project. El hermanamiento fue formado con una misión de intercambio de culturas y colaborar en proyectos. Durante tres decadas, hemos compartido mucho entre las dos ciudades. Los ciudadanos han colaborado en muchos proyectos de letrinas, agua potable, centros de educación, y becas para jovenes.

Para recaudar fondos para estos proyectos, el Sister City Project y la ciudad de Arcata ha tenido una fiesta cada año. Este año la fiesta de "I Block" celebra 31 años de apoyar Camoapa. Durante estos 31 años, muchas personas de Arcata han participado en las brigadas a Camoapa, y siempre han recibido un cálido bienvenido de los Nicaraguenses. También, los ciudadanos de Arcata ha tenido el placer de tener visitantes de Camoapa. En esta manera, cumplimos la misión de intercambio cultural entre las dos poblaciones. Nos gustaría mucho tener estimados visitantes en la fiesta este año para celebrar este gran amistad con la gente de Arcata.

Sería un placer para nosotros tener 2 representantes (Jorge Luis Martínez Matuz y su hijo que Eduardo José Martínez)de la ciudad de Camoapa para compartir en las festividades. Ojalá que los representantes de la comisión pudieran visitarnos.

Sinceramente.

Malan Mark Lovelace,

Supervisor del Condado de Humboldt, distrito 3