

Office of Mayor Christopher M. Taylor

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Dear Lord Mayor Boris Palmer,

CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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Thank you for the invitation to visit Tübingen next summer to celebrate 50 years of friendship between our two cities, which we happily accept. We understand the program in Tübingen will run from July 1st-5th, with arrival on June 30th and departure on July 6th, 2015. In turn, we would like to invite a delegation of your municipal officials and interested Tübingen citizens to visit Ann Arbor, May 29th-June 2nd with arrival on May 28th and departure on June 3rd, 2015. On June 1st, 1965, our City Council passed a resolution creating Tübingen as our first sister city. On that very date in 2015, they plan to pass an updated version of the same resolution. It would be much more meaningful for us if representatives of Tübingen were also in attendance.

We are planning a variety of activities for your group including discussions, walking tours, picnics, canoeing and visits to interesting sites, including University of Michigan buildings and Ann Arbor City Hall and Judicial District Courts Building. As this is the 50th anniversary year, we are also planning an exhibit at the Ann Arbor District Library of mementos from our past exchanges along with a panel discussion featuring past exchange members. Perhaps you will agree to be a discussion panel member? Our theme for the panelists will be "Celebrating 50 Years of Friendship".

Our official contact person at the City is the city manager Steve Powers, spowers@a2gov.org, who I believe you have already heard from. May I heartily congratulate you on your recent re-election to eight more years as Lord Mayor. As you may know, I have recently been elected, after the retirement of Mayor Hieftje. I very much look forward to meeting you.

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With kind regards,

Christopher Taylor, Mayor

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