

City of Brovary, Ukraine Sister City with City of Tacoma

June 21st, 2017

Sister City Brovary representatives team:

- Peter Sayenko – Slavic Christian Center Senior Pastor – Brovary immigrant
- Svaytoslav Sayenko –Engineer, resident of Tacoma, Brovary immigrant
- Stanislav Chain –City of Tacoma Electrician, previous Brovary Resident married to Brovary immigrant
- Igor Sayenko – Anthony Truck Repair, Tacoma business owner and Brovary immigrant
- Aleksey Guyvoronskiy – ACE Construction Services Tacoma business owner, member of SCC
- Alex Slobodyanik, Slavic Christian Academy Principal, Brovary outreach organizer,
- Alex Sloboda – Capital Construction, Tacoma Business Owner, Married to Brovary immigrant
- Galina Sloboda – Brovary immigrant, Tacoma Slavic Association volunteer
- Liliya Petrovskaya – Tacoma Public Schools Teacher, Ukraine immigrant

1. General Factors:

- a. Tacoma has no sister-cities in Ukraine,
- b. Brovary Ukraine is a sister city to Rockford, Illinois
- c. **Demographic similarities:** Ukraine is a diverse country with many ethnic backgrounds: Ukrainians, Russians, Belorussians, Moldovian, Crimean Tatar, Bulgarians, Hungarians, Romanians, Poles, Jews, Gypsy. Brovary's over 100, 000 population is made up of the previously stated ethnicities.
- d. **Geographic, economic and environmental similarities:** the city of Brovary is characterized by great geographical location with access to natural resources, economic advantages, and access to main national and international highways including railroads. Brovary just like Tacoma, is located near a waterway – the Dniپر River which gives economic advantages to businesses. Brovary has many parks and is located in mixed forests. It borders Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine similar to how Tacoma borders Seattle, a major metropolitan area. Brovary is home to a railway station, broadcasting center, and various industries and factories such as knitting, woodworking, machine tools, plastic materials, and a large Coca Cola company plant. It is a shoe making capital and a sport center; multiple athletes with Olympic standing have attended athletic school in Brovary (Oleksandra Kononova, Vladimir and Vitalii Klichko, Aleksandr Bagach, Andrey Kalashnikov, Zhanna Pintusevich, Oleg Lisogor, Viktor Kuznetsov). The city has both music and art schools. It is divided into old historic town and new more industrious section.
- e. The mayor of Brovary, Igor Sapozhko, is the person of official contact. *His contact information is: info@brovary-rada.gov.us, +380 45 945 40 94, + 380 670 884 17 91.*
- f. Currently Tacoma has no sister cities in Ukraine. Adding Brovary to the list of Tacoma's sister cities will add to the ethnic diversity. Brovary will be the only eastern European sister city Tacoma has officially approved *and 3rd* European city for city of Tacoma.
- g. **Sister Cities:** Brovary has 4 sister cities in France, Russia, Belarus, and Rockford United States.

- h. **Ukrainian Population:** Tacoma has a large Ukrainian population approximately 3% of the population has *immigrated* from Ukraine or of Ukrainian descent.
- i. There are thousands of Ukrainian born immigrants living in Tacoma and suburbs. As a rule, all immigrants keep their language and teach their children. For translating and interpreting any members of the sister city team can help with interpreting or point to the right source. Most Ukrainians learn English in schools.
- j. **Types of exchanges:**
 - a. **Economic Exchange:** Brovary is rich with lumber resources and factories – exchange in ideas and business partnership may benefit both cities. Shoe making is a large business in Brovary with brand name factories, this may serve as an export opportunity. Brovary has *patented* construction methods that could enhance construction methods in Tacoma. Tacoma in turn can serve as a community that will support further investments into *Brovary* real estate and businesses.
 - b. **Tourism:** Brovary is located within 7km from the capital of Ukraine Kyiv. There are many tourist attractions in Brovary: Water Park, Peremohy Park, Shevchenko Park and WWII museum; all Kyiv attractions are within an hour drive from Brovary. It is a great place to lodge for cheaper prices while visiting the capital.
 - c. **Education:** most Ukrainians learn English from primary school. It would benefit both cities to host a student exchange program. Brovary is an athletic center of Ukraine, it boasts multiple Olympic level athletes – an exchange between athletes and sport teams may benefit both cities.

2. Cultural, Civic, Economic and Educational Factors

- a. **Cultural Institutions:** Brovary boasts multiple cultural institutions of interest for Tacoma and its residents: City library, children's library, educational complexes, outdoor school, sports clubs, performing arts school, music school, city museum, WWII museum, cultural center, city club, 3 theaters, open air theater, water park. Because of its proximity to Kiev, all cultural institutions in Kiev are within less than 1 hr. drive.
- b. **Civic Organizations:** The civic organizations that are present in the city are: children's clubs, city choir for adults, children's choir, football league, performing arts club, choreography, gymnastics and ballroom dance clubs; vocal clubs, folk music/instrument/dance club. Outside of school clubs for kids and youth focusing on: arts, vocal, theater, handmade arts. Over 20 English clubs, orchestra, theater with English language, sports centers and Cossaks club (ethnic Ukrainian Warriors). Club for seniors, folk ensemble "Fate", dance club for war veterans, and literary clubs.
- c. **Formal Communication:** The communication systems that are present in Brovary are: radio stations, newspapers, broadcasting center for long and short waves. The city publishes 4 newspapers among them: "Brovarskiy Revizor", "Pravda Tut"; multiple online news sites and social media. Including city website with directory and important info pertaining to the city: www.Brovary-rada.gov.ua
- d. **Amateur/Professional Sports:** Brovary is hometown of talented Olympic and world champions. It has become an important sports center: it has soccer club: FC Nafkom Brovary, Sports center "Kypava" and "Body Flex", boxing ring, stadium, rehab center pool,

- physical therapy (for community members and soldiers fighting in East Ukraine ATO) 25% of Brovary population is involved in various areas of sport. It has a youth sports school.
- e. **Educational Institutions:** 24 preschools, 6 schools, 2 specialized schools focusing on foreign languages and humanities. College, private school “Fortune” and a secondary evening school.
 - f. **Hospitals and health facilities:** Brovary has a regional hospital with ambulance services; it includes a diagnostics center and children’s hospital.
 - g. **Language:** Most Ukrainians speak Russian language which is taught in some Tacoma Public Schools. Most Slavic churches offer evening or weekend Russian/Ukrainian language classes to children.
 - h. **English Language:** all schools and most preschools teach English language.
 - i. **Mutual Economic Benefit:**

3. Committee Outline and Work Plan:

a. Overview of Sister City Relationship

1. Planning meetings took place in November 2016. Two members of Formation Committee visited Mayor in Bravory and exchanged ideas about forming a Sister City.
2. Monthly follow-up meetings occurred in March, April, and May 2017. Application to create a sister city will be presented to the Sister City Committee at their meeting on July 26th, 2017.
3. Goal is to receive approval in July, present to Economic Development Committee of City of Tacoma in July 2017, and seed City Council approval in August 2017.
4. Committee is in **the process of** selecting a domain.
5. Setting up accounts, approving by-laws, electing officers are all important activities for the initial period.

b. Committee Volunteers:

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I was born in the city of Brovary in Ukraine. As a child, my parents with our family immigrated to the United States as refugees. We settled in the City of Tacoma. I graduated from Mount Tahoma High School, attended Tacoma Community College, and was the only *sibling* (of 12) to obtain a college degree.

I have been serving the Slavic community in Tacoma for multiple years. Participating in local and international events, including three mission trips to Brovary.

Peter Sayenko

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Peter was born in the country of Ukraine and moved to the City of Brovary later in his life. He began to serve in the church and quickly became known as a great servant of the church in Brovary and Ukraine. Peter married his wife and 11 of their 12 children were born in Brovary. In his early 30s he was selected to be the head pastor of one of the largest churches in Brovary. After multiple years of service, he together with his wife made the life changing decision to immigrate to the United States. Peter arrived in Tacoma, January 1991. Ever since he has continued to serve. He has worked in the Slavic Tacoma Association for many years and is currently the head pastor of Slavic Christian Center in Tacoma. Peter continues to hold a strong relationship with Brovary and travels to Brovary several times a year.

Alex Slobodyanik

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Alex was born in Ukraine and grew up in Kirovogradskaya oblast in the family of four kids. After graduating from the high school, he moved to Kiev to study at the Bible College. His passion has always been to help people in need, especially children and youth that need purpose and vision in life. Alex visited many children camps and youth meetings in the suburbs of Kiev, namely Baryshevka, Brovary, Vishgorod, and other towns of the Kievskaya oblast.

In 2001, Alex moved to the United States with his parents, but his heart has been with his Ukrainian friends, his homeland of Ukraine. After getting some education and financial support in the U.S., Alex made a team of young enthusiastic people who went with him twice to Ukraine, including the city of Brovary where they met on many occasions with the local Ukrainian youth and children. Youth from Tacoma made good friends with the youth from Brovary. Relationships grew and communication continued long after the trips.

Over the last decade, Alex has been working as the principal of the private school at the city of Tacoma. He put quite a lot of effort and time in development of the educational center for the Slavic community. In addition, he and his team has opened the exchange program at Tacoma Christian Academy that will provide opportunities for the students from Brovary to visit and study abroad as well as the U.S. students visit the city of Brovary.

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My family emigrated from Ukraine in 1989 from Brovary region. I married a Brovary resident after arriving to Tacoma. I served on the Board of Directors of the Tacoma Slavic Association for 15 years. I had an opportunity to help and serve hundreds of Slavic immigrant families (many of them are from Brovary). I currently work for the Tacoma Public Utilities as an Electrical Technician where I have

been employed for 17 years. I am an active member of Slavic Christian Center and take an active role in community outreach and church events.

Alex Sloboda

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My family migrated from Rovno, Ukraine in 1992. I was born there and was 8 years old when came to the U.S.

I grew up here in the states and have been living in the pierce county area for the past 13 years. I married my wife here in Tacoma city. She is also an immigrant from Ukraine and was born in Brovary. We have 3 children that attend school here in Tacoma.

I'm a small business owner and as a general contractor we operate here in the Tacoma area. My wife and I recently had a missionary opportunity to visit Brovary and where able to participate to help the locals of Brovary.

Galina Sloboda

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I was born in Brovary, Ukraine and lived there for the first 5 years of my life. My family immigrated from Ukraine back in 1991. I have been living in the Pierce county area since. *I was married here and am now raising our 3 wonderful children here in Tacoma, where they now attend Tacoma Christian Academy.* My family and I attend a church here in Tacoma, Slavic Christian Center which has over 1,000 Slavic speaking members.

I have a passion and love for the Slavic people. I worked as a community advocate for 9 years at the Tacoma Slavic Association. I had the opportunity to help and serve the Slavic community in the Pierce county area. Last year I had an opportunity to go on a mission's trip to the city of Brovary.

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Born in Ukraine, Liliya immigrated to Tacoma in 1998. She attended and graduated from Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma Community College and Northwest University in Kirkland. Receiving her degree in Elementary Education with Middle Humanities Endorsement, she became a substitute teacher in Tacoma. For the last 5 years Liliya has been teaching 4th grade at Manitou Park Elementary School where she is involved in various community and school activities.

Liliya Continues to be a big part of Ukrainian population in the Seattle Tacoma area. As a member of Slavic Christian Center, she often volunteers in church and community activities. She has served as a volunteer at Slavic Bible College for the past 10 years. Liliya often visits Ukraine and keeps close contact with family roots.

Aleksey Guyvoronsky

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Aleksey Guyvoronsky is an active member at Slavic Christian Center helping advance construction projects, *raise funds* and *lead community* outreach. Aleksey have been residing in Tacoma since December 16th, 1990. He's a real estate developer and has worked in Tacoma on *various* projects including Slavic Christian Center Complex.

Aleksey Guyvoronsky has taken an active role in Tacoma Christian Academy and is currently one of the board members. He has participated in Habitat for Humanity projects, ***including the*** latest Community Center located at The Woods at Golden Given. Aleksey is passionate about education, enhancing youth programs and has four of his kids enrolled Tacoma Christian Academy.

c. Letters of Support:

1. Habitat for Humanity Letter of Recommendation.
(Please see document attached)

d. Proposal for exchange programs/activities to be executed over the next 2 years

1. Our goal is to promote on Social Media including- Facebook, Instagram, blogs, and Slavic Christian Center website. We'll ask Debbie permission to include link to our domain on city's main Sister-City page. Cost of the website \$1000.
2. Because we don't have the sister city established yet, we weren't able to participate in the Festival of Sail 2017. We're planning to participate in 2018.
3. Invite delegation to visit from Bravery in August 2017. Cost \$5000
4. Reach out to Bravery delegation for exchange students attending Tacoma private school(s). Exchange Student program has been set up. Explore Family, Food, Transportation, Sports, ect.
5. Introduced Vitaliy Ganzha on March 21st to City of Tacoma, and toured the city for potential investments. Working on bringing in daughter of one of the delegates for an internship program with city of Tacoma.
6. Use events of the community to further promote interaction of Brovary with Slavic and Ukrainian members through annual school auctions, walk/run for youth event in the works for spring of 2018.



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To: Mayor of the city of
Tacoma, Washington,
Mrs. Marilyn Strickland

About future partnership

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Missis Mayor!

As a Mayor of the city of Brovary of the Kyiv region in Ukraine I'm glad to greet your glorious city of Tacoma on behalf of inhabitants of our Ukrainian city that is located in 15 kilometers from Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine.

Here is a brief information about our city.

Brovary is a city of the regional subordination, an administrative centre of the Brovary district of the Kyiv region and a multi-sectional developed research-industrial centre, which is capable to produce the competitive production; and the financial-credit establishments concentrated in the city are the background for the realization of investment projects.

In order to expand our social and economic relations, our city carries out an active international cooperation. According to the signed agreements Brovary has nine sister-communities in near and far abroad: Rockford city (state of Illinois, USA), Fontenay-sous-Bois city (French Republic), Shcholково municipal district (Russian Federation), Slutsk district (Republic of Bielorus), Sillamae city (Estonian Republic), Krasnik and Gniezno poviats (Republic of Poland), Zhanjiang city (People's Republic of China), and Tonalá city (Mexican United States).

You may find the complete information about our city on the web-site: www.brovary.kiev.ua and contact us by e-mail: miskrada@brovary.kiev.ua.

Brovary has a very active religious community that maintains close ties with Ukrainian religious groups abroad. As a Mayor I encourage their activities and believe that the international communication play an important role in the development of our city.

As we know, among many associations that effectuate their activities in the city of Tacoma there is a Ukrainian Diaspora that maintains friendly relations with associations from Brovary and it is interested in deepening some relationship with their fellow countrymen.

I would kindly ask you to consider our offer to establish mutually beneficial collaboration between our cities. The officially set up and the developed cooperation would only help us to exchange our experience and knowledge in different fields.

With the aim to discuss questions on the establishment of collaboration between our communities and a possible signing of the agreement between Brovary and Tacoma I have a great pleasure to invite your delegation of three persons to visit our city during a celebration of Brovary City Days that will be held in September 2015.

I'm looking for your answer.
Sincerely yours,

With kind regards,

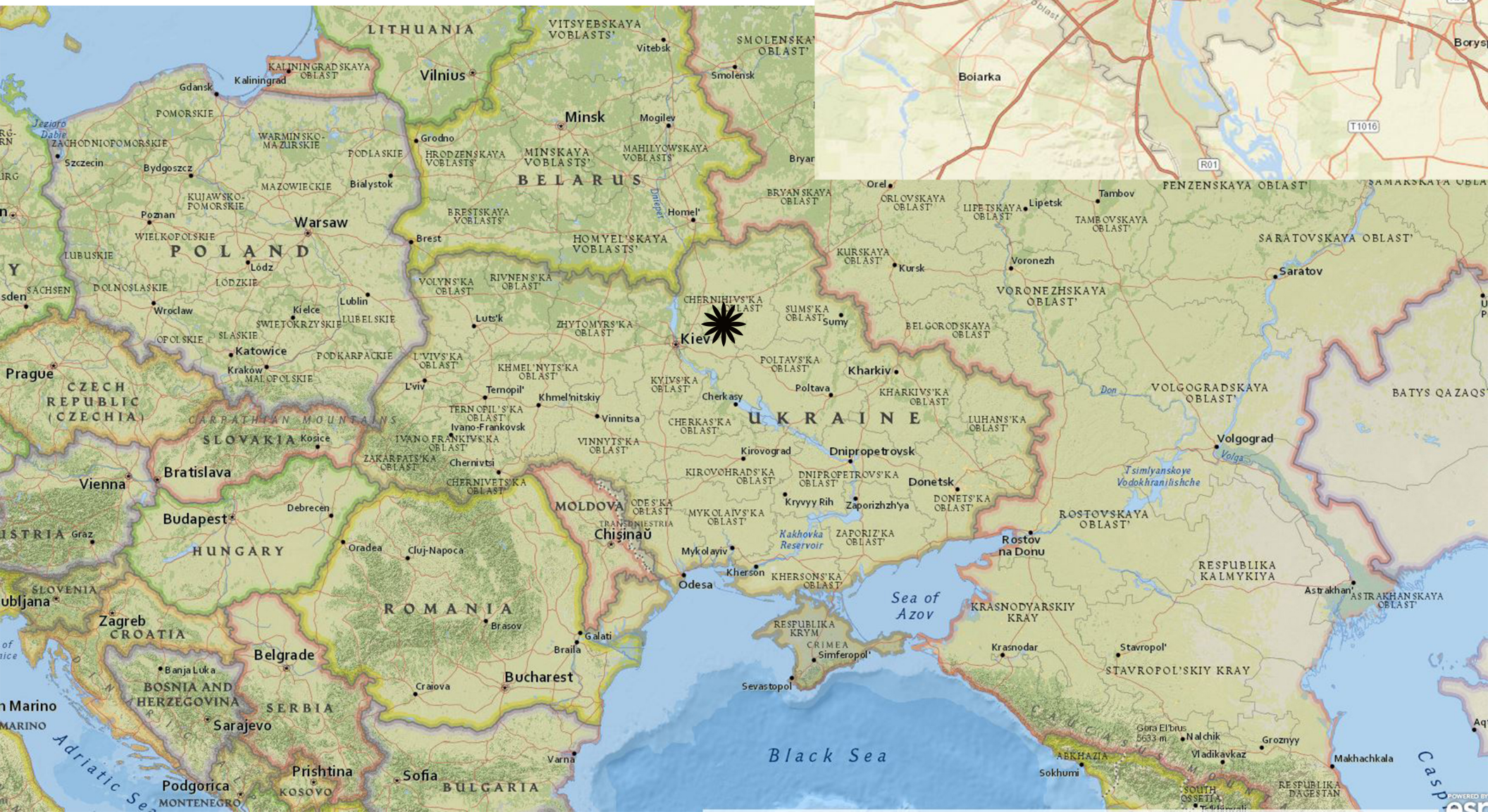
Mayor of the city of Brovary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Igor V. Sapozhko', written in a cursive style.

Igor V. Sapozhko

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BROVARY UKRAINE



Brovary, Ukraine Visit August 7-10

Monday August 7th

10 am Tacoma Solid Waste/Recycling Center Tour

- * Gary Kato, Environmental Services, Solid Waste Division Manager
- * Lewis Griffith, Environmental Services, Solid Waste Assistant Division Manager

1pm Tour of Multicare Medical Center

- * Lois Bernstein, Chief Community Executive
- * Jamila Sherls, Director of Health Equity

3pm Meet with Mayor Marilyn Strickland

4pm – 7pm Meeting with Fire Department Chief, tour Fire Department and the Emergency Repponses Center. Dinner with Fire Department

Tuesday August 8th

10am Economic Development Subcommittee Presentation

1pm Port Tour/ Presentation

- * Port Commissioner Connie Bacon

3pm Tacoma Economic Development Ricardo Presentation

5pm City Council for Resolution approval

6pm Signing of Sister City Paperwork at City Hall

Wednesday August 9th

11:30am Police Substation Tour/Meeting

- * Lt. Corey Darlington, Sector 4 Police Lieutenant, City of Tacoma

1:00pm Meeting with Universities at UWT – Dawn Lucien Room

- * Jeff Cohen, Executive Director of the Office of Global Affairs, University of Washington
- * Cindy Schaarschmidt, Director, Student Fellowships & Study Abroad, U of Washington
- * James Newman, International Student Coordinator, Tacoma Community College

3:00pm World Trade Center/Chamber of Commerce presentation

- * Mike Fowler, Director World Trade Center

5:30pm Celebratory dinner (Coordinated by Pastor Peter)

Thursday August 10th

10am Tour Newcold Cold Storage Facility