

April 11, 2022

Sister Cities International  
1012 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite 1400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Attn: Ms. Kerri Carter

Re: Letter of recommendation for Drew Powell as SCI Board Member

Dear Ms. Carter,

As Mayor pro tempore of the City of El Paso Texas and Vice-Chair of Sister Cities International (SCI), I am delighted to recommend Drew Powell, SCI Maryland State Representative and President of the Rockville Sister Cities Corporation, as a member of the Sister Cities International Board of Directors.

Mr. Powell has been active with the Sister Cities program for more than fifteen years. For nearly two years, he has served as SCI's Maryland State Representative, providing exemplary service to Sister Cities International and Maryland's Sister City organizations. Drew also serves on several SCI committees, where he has worked as a team-member to provide tangible results, such as SCI Toolkits and Membership initiatives. Although not a country manager, Drew is also active with the Global Awareness Team and the Africa Region.

Drew will bring several unique skills to SCI's Board of Directors, including abilities in team-building and his liaison with high-level elected officials, which have already been solicited to assist Sister Cities International with U.S. Congressional legislation.

Since 2016, Drew has served as the President of the Rockville Sister Cities Corporation (RSCC). Rockville, Maryland enjoys one of the longest Sister City relationships with Pinneberg, Germany, which was established in 1957. The RSCC, one of the largest commissions in the City of Rockville, is comprised of a fifteen member Board of Directors and approximately 200 dues-paying members. Working with his Board of Directors, Mr. Powell has doubled the number of Rockville's sister cities and has implemented an impressive and inclusive local program involving thousands in Rockville's diverse cultural communities.

Drew has resided in the City of Rockville for more than twenty years. He is engaged in community matters on the municipal, county and state levels. Drew has exceptional and longstanding relationships with local elected officials, as well as state and federal elected officials. Given his scope of accomplishments and proven abilities, I am confident that Drew will make a superb member of the Sister Cities International Board of Directors.

Most sincerely,

Peter Svarzbein  
Vice-Chair, Board of Directors  
Sister Cities International, Inc.