

To the SCI Young Professional Selection Team,

Over the course of the ten years that I have known Michal Suchanek, I was constantly impressed by Michal's skillset to overcome challenges via his language and professional communication style in both domestic and international settings. While volunteering for his group of Sister Cities International in Fountain Hills since 2015, Michal has been of a great service to us by assisting us in creating the first student exchanges with our Sister City in Zamość, Poland. By providing solutions to student exchange recruitment in high school and on-the-spot translation between English and Polish speakers, and later involvement with the U.S. Department of State abroad gives precedence to his adaptability and flexibility to overcome the greatest of international challenges. Well-travelled, studied, and having experience abroad, Michal can overcome many challenges and complete tough assignments in almost any international context.

Mr. Suchanek's performance in humanitarian efforts make him a splendid example of American citizens abroad. He has been gifted with the amazing ability and diplomatic experience to understand every perspective between both countries. His ability to relate to both the youth in America and abroad shows his ability to perceive all facts and make amazing outcomes. Michal served as a great representative of the United States and a member of Sister Cities with one of our main humanitarian projects aimed towards Polish and Ukrainian non-profits and governmental organizations assisting Ukrainian refugees, with over \$45,000 donated to such organizations as of this date. By breaking new precedents in the international scene, he has done a great service to both the U.S. and Poland, as an exemplary "person-to-person" diplomat.

Mr. Suchanek is what our team members in our local branch of Fountain Hills Sister Cities and I call a "natural diplomat". His entrepreneurial drive to diplomacy, and proven record involving tying American and international peoples together to overcome challenges makes him one of the most qualified candidates to work with. Mr. Suchanek's duty has always been to bring people together, and I believe that the SCI selection committee would provide a great service to our country by involving him in this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Christine Colley, President of Fountain Hills Sister Cities