

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
International Affairs Coordinating Council (IACC)
Sister Cities Committee

Workshop Zoom Meeting of April 20, 2020

SUMMARY:

Vice Chairperson, Mr. Volker Anding called the “Workshop” meeting to order. A quorum was not achieved due to lack of physical presence. Additionally, no decisions were made during this workshop; however, discussions took place:

- Staff liaison, Beba Luzarraga, shared an email addressed to the Mayor’s Office from Maryse Joissains-Masini, Mayor of Aix-en-Provence regarding the city’s status and steps they have taken to combat the pandemic. **Letter is on file.**
- Mr. Anding reported on his email exchange with his counterpart in Aix-en-Provence in which he shared information provided by Raimundo Rodulfo, the Coral Gables Information Technology Director, regarding several ongoing initiatives between the City of Coral Gables and its Sister Cities. Additionally, Mr. Anding’s counterpart informed him that Aix will be holding their second-round of municipal election which he strongly believes that incumbent Joissains-Masini will be re-elected.
- Mr. Gavarrete reported that Mayor Roberto José d’Aubuisson Munguía of Santa Tecla is currently in Miami due to travel restrictions/guidelines established as a result of the pandemic. He also informed the members that the municipality of La Antigua, Guatemala is doing well; however, initiatives are on standby at this time.
- Ms. Rangel reported that the Foreign Minister of Brazil and HISPAFEST decided to postpone several scheduled events due to the pandemic.

Guests:

Leticia Perez, Coral Gables Economic Development Department
Beatrice Rangel, Innovation Council

Respectfully submitted,
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And Jessenia Monge-Fletes
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