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Mayor Vince Lago
City of Coral Gables
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33134

Per email: vlago@coralgables.com

Dear Mayor Lago

RE: Sister City Relationship

Correspondence between both our Administrative Offices refers.

Thank you for showing interest in Stellenbosch Municipality as a potential Sister City.

We are indeed very interested in being your Sister City as we both are university towns who can share experiences as well as examine projects beneficial to both cities. Both our cities are known for tourism, thus can exchange Local Economic Development ideas as well as how to enhance the tourism industry.

Stellenbosch, as well as Coral Gables is also known for its tree lined streets and historical landmarks and hosts a diverse population.

Herewith a brief introduction of myself, a more detailed version is attached.

My political career commenced when I was elected as Executive Mayor for Drakenstein Municipality in 2011. During the next Municipal elections held in 2016 and 2021, I was elected as the Executive Mayor of Stellenbosch Municipality, the first female Executive Mayor to take office for 2 consecutive terms. I have also made history by appointing a female Municipal Manager for 2 consecutive terms.

Not only am I a politician but followed a career in Law and am a qualified winemaker. It is hard not fall in love with winemaking when you see the beautiful vineyards and nature all around this beautiful town I am proud to call my home.

On behalf of myself and the Administration, thank you for showing interest in partnering with Stellenbosch Municipality as a potential Sister City.

Yours faithfully,

Adv Gesie van Deventer
EXECUTIVE MAYOR