

★ **Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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Date January 10, 2011

Communication from Matt Rosen, Chair of the Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission, requesting that the following seats be declared vacant effective immediately:

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| Seat 05 – Des Moines Representative | George Davis, III |
| Seat 10 – Des Moines Representative | Cynthia Nahas     |
| Seat 11 – Des Moines Representative | Alex Piedras      |
| Seat 13 – Des Moines Representative | Janis Ruan        |
| Seat 19 – Johnston Representative   | Shuxin Cui        |

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**From:** Matt Rosen

**Subject:** Sister City Commission Member Attendance

As a result of attendance absences in excess of the policy established by the City Council, I have spoken with each of the below listed individuals who have indicated their intention of resigning from the Sister City Commission. At this time, I would ask that their seats be declared vacant by City Council action.

1. Shuxin Cui: I believe that Ms. Cui has already submitted her letter of resignation to the City of Johnston. Ms. Cui contacted me and stated that work and graduate school requirements make attendance at meetings very difficult. She stated that she would still work as a volunteer on Commission projects like the Asian Festival.
2. Toby Davis: Mr. Davis told me that his job requirements prevented him from attending many meetings and thus would thus resign.
3. Cynthia Nahas: Ms. Nahas is teaching a class for Upper Iowa University at the same time that the Commission meets and is thus unable to attend meetings. She wishes to remain active in other Commission activities but says that she wishes to resign her Commission seat.
4. Alex Piedras: Mr. Piedras is pursuing a graduate degree. The classes that he takes meet on the same night that the Commission meets; and thus, regrettably states that he must resign. I believe that he has already been in touch with Councilman Mahaffey.

In addition, in a letter to Council Member Hensley, Janis Ruan states that she is very supportive of the work of the Commission, but that her travel schedule and other in-town commitments with Boards, and organizations make attendance at meetings extremely difficult; and thus, respectfully wishes to tender her resignation.

Matt Rosen, Chair

Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission