CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Reappointments - Sister Cities Commission **DATE:** March 21, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Russ Trimble recommends the reappointment of current Sister Cities Commission members Erika Cook, Brian Crotty, and Jeffrey Lipman. Ms. Cook and Mr. Lipman have both served on the Commission since its inception in May 2013, and Mr. Crotty has served since April 2016. The proposed reappointment term would expire on March 31, 2025.

Erika Cook	13078 Pinecrest Lane, Clive	633-4012 (w)	240-3103 (h)
Brian Crotty	7131 Cody Drive	453-1608 (w)	319-499-0280 (h)
Jeffrey Lipman	316 46th Place	778-5623 (w)	221-2532 (h)

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of reappointments to the Sister Cities Commission.

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk RTJ

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of West Des Moines appreciates your interest in serving the community and welcomes your application. Please complete all sections of this application. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (515) 222-3600 or TDD (Hearing Impaired) (515) 222-3334. The City of West Des Moines is committed to providing equal opportunity for citizen involvement.

Please indicate those Boards and/or Commissions on which you would be willing to serve by checking below:

- [ ] Board of Adjustment
- [ ] Civil Service Commission
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- [ ] Bicycle Advisory Commission
- [ ] Water Works Board of Trustees
- [ ] Human Services Advisory Board
- [ ] Human Rights Commission
- [ ] Public Arts Advisory Commission
- [ ] Valley Junction Events Committee
- [ ] Other _____

Name: Cook (Last) Erika (First) Lynn (Middle)

Address: 3650 Woodland Ave. West Des Moines, IA 50266
Street City State Zip

Occupation: Associate Principal

Employer's Name & Address
West Des Moines Community School District
3550 George Mills Civic Parkway West Des Moines, IA 50265

Work Phone: 633-4012 When can you be reached at this number?: 8:00-4:00

Home Phone: 240-3103 When can you be reached at this number?: 4:00-

E-mail address: erikalynncook@att.net

Length of residence in West Des Moines: over 20 years

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:
Fulbright Board-Treasurer 2000-2013, Kellogg School of Management Education Advisory Council 2010
Northwestern Center for Talent Development Advisory Board 2004-2010, Dirksen Federal Building Education Board 2009

Please indicate below the reasons why you would like to be appointed to a Board or Commission and any specific skills or experience that you believe support your application.

It would be an honor to serve on the Sister Cities Board, as international education in a passion of m ine.

As a recipient of several international grants including two Fulbright Scholarships, I have professionally and personally benefited from global programming and exchanges. It would be my pleasure to help bring these opportunities to others through working with Sister Cities. In addition, I serve as an administrator at Valley. Therefore, I can serve as a contact to incorporate the school system into the organization.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Lori Diebel Relationship: Employer Phone: 633-5038

Name: Lisa Remy Relationship: Employer Phone: 633-5037

Do you sell to, or are you in any manner a part to, any contract to furnish supplies, material, or labor to the City of West Des Moines? No If so, please list: _____

Have you ever been employed by the City? No If so, please list dates of employment and positions held.

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Do you have relatives working for the City? No If so, please give name and relationship.

_____

Are you being sponsored by a community organization(s)? No If so, please list the following and attach a confirmation letter from said organization:

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Signature: Erika Cook Date: 4/17/2013

Please mail completed application to the office of the City Clerk at the following address:

City of West Des Moines
P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265-0320
ATTN: Ryan Jacobson

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- [x] Other Finance & Administration Committee

Name: Crotty (Last) Brian (First) William (Middle)

Address: 7131 Cody Dr. (Street) West Des Moines (City) IA. (State) 50266 (Zip)

Occupation: Director

Employer's Name & Address
HDH Advisors, LLC
1601 22nd St., Suite 305, West Des Moines, IA. 50266

Work Phone: 515-453-1608 When can you be reached at this number?: 8-5

Home Phone: 319-499-0280 When can you be reached at this number?: Anytime

E-mail address: bcrotty@hdhadvisorsllc.com

Length of residence in West Des Moines: 5+ years

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:

Tax Board & Membership Ambassador, Association of Business & Industry-Current; Board Member of Young Professionals of Iowa-Last 8 Years;

Board Member of Polk County I-Club; Board Member: Knights of Malta Des Moines Region; Board Member-Central Iowa Academy of Collaborative Professionls

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I'm an active member of West Des Moines Chamber events and 2014-2015 Graduate of the Leadership Academy.

My association with the Chamber has given me a great desire to contribute to our local government.

My strengths and experience I would bring to a Board of Commission include my skills working directly with Iowa businesses.

These strengths include an accounting and finance background that focuses on working with local companies maximize their value and ability to contibute to the community.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: John Mickelson Relationship: Industry Colleague/City Council Phone: 515-421-4803

Name: Erica Andersen Relationship: YPIowa Board Member Phone: 515-231-6667

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Iowa Code Section 69.16A requires City boards/commissions to be gender balanced. Please indicate whether you are male or female.

☒ Male ☐ Female

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: 4/22/16

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Name: Lipman, Jeffrey M.
Last First Middle

Address: 316 46th Place, West Des Moines, IA 50265
Street City State Zip

Occupation: Attorney/Polk County Magistrate

Employer's Name & Address
State of Iowa, Polk County Courthouse, DM, IA

Lipman Law Firm, 8450 Hickman Rd, Suite 16, Clive, IA 50325

Work Phone: 515-778-5623 When can you be reached at this number?: any

Home Phone: 515-221-2532 When can you be reached at this number?: evening

E-mail address: lipmanlawfirm@aol.com

Length of residence in West Des Moines: 15 years

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:
President, Iowa Magistrate Judge's Association

Former Board Member Montessori Children's House

Please indicate below the reasons why you would like to be appointed to a Board or Commission and any specific skills or experience that you believe support your application.

Visited China last March as part of WDMCS partnership with Shijiazhaung Foreign Language School, Hosted Chinese students from SFLS last month. Currently hosting Chinese Student from Beijing through the Chinese Association of Iowa and US. Also exploring business opportunity in West Des Moines with Shijiazhaung.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Matt Rosen Relationship: Friend Phone: 515-202-8276

Name: Jeff Lamberti Relationship: Friend Phone: 515-229-0075

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: 3-23-13

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