Office of the Mayor Offices of the City Council P.O. Box 4748 Clearwater, FL 33758-4748 RECEIVED

JUL 08 2019

OFFICIAL RECORDS AND LEGISLATIVE SRVCS DEPT.

RE: Clearwater Sister Cities Advisory Board Student Member Position -Lucas Geraldi-Smith

Honorable Mayor Cretekos and City Council Members:

I would like to recommend, Lucas Geraldi-Smith, for the Student Member position of the Clearwater Sister Cities Advisory Board.

I have known Lucas for several years, He participated in the Young Ambassador program of Clearwater Sister Cities, Inc. in 2016 and, then again, in 2017. Lucas continues to stay involved with our organization, attending functions, promoting our program and hosting visitors from Nagano. He has stayed in contact with both of his host families in Nagano and continues to grow those relationships.

Lucas attends the IB program at Palm Harbor University. He is a member of the Chess Club and participates in Boy Scouts. He has also volunteered at the SPIFFS International Festival in St. Petersburg. Lucas' interest in other cultures took him to Spain this summer for an immersion program in Spanish.

I feel Lucas would be a great candidate for this position. He follows the mission of the Sister Cities programs to promote cultural understanding and friendships with others around the world.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.

Candy Hays, President

Clearwater Sister Cities, Inc.