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Bridgeport Confirms Adoption of Petion-Ville, Haiti in the Haiti Works! Adopt-a-City Program

Haiti Works, Incorporated works with various Connecticut municipalities in their efforts to adopt sister cities in Haiti and provide necessary aid to that adopted city. In this endeavor, Haiti Works! is proud to announce the City of Bridgeport has confirmed its adoption of the Haitian city, Petion-Ville.

In 1956, the Sister Cities program was developed to enlist hundreds of thousands of volunteer citizen-diplomats in a quest for world peace. President Dwight David Eisenhower initiated this "People-To-People" program to encourage Americans to communicate with people around the globe and for communities to bond together by engaging in projects that are mutually beneficial.

Given the diversity of ethnic origins of its population, and its strong Haitian ties, the City of Bridgeport was the first city in Connecticut to open a Haiti Relief Resources Office. An even closer tie was developed with its counterpart abroad in Haiti when Mayor Bill Finch signed a resolution to Adopt Petion-Ville as a sister City.

This initiative relies on the support of volunteers from throughout the Greater Bridgeport region, promoting understanding, cooperation and development through a variety of dynamic exchanges with its sister city Petion-Ville. Sister City of Bridgeport SICOB supports projects which link the sister cities, and serves as an international gateway for municipal, economic, cultural, educational, medical, and governmental exchanges between Bridgeport and its sister cities.

About Haiti Works, Incorporated

Haiti Works! (www.haiti-works.org) is a not-for-profit organization formed for the purpose of aiding Haiti in its long term recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Leaving aid and relief efforts to the many other organizations that specialize in such work, Haiti Works! focuses on the development of long term strategies, planning, projects, and partnerships that will help to rebuild Haiti as a modern country with a vibrant economy.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Bill Finch
Mayor
Bridgeport, Connecticut

RE: Petion-Ville: Adopt-a-City Program

The City Council of Petion-Ville offers our sincere appreciation to you and the City of Bridgeport for your support during the crisis which traverses our country. We are inspired by the Adopt-a-City program and look forward to working with the City of Bridgeport to help the city of Petion-Ville as it crosses this very difficult path of its history.

We would like to view this difficult time as an opportunity to inventory and solve many of the ongoing problems that the city of Petion-Ville faces such as: promiscuity, sanitation, public utilities, housing, emergency services and medical services. As a result of this situation, we intend to search for long-term solutions to meet our objectives.

Currently, the City Council is surveying the situation to develop a strategic plan for development and an action plan to address the various issues. A document of such will be produced which we think will be an essential tool that will allow us to welcome development to this municipality.

The City Council of Petion-Ville believes in the wishes of the city of Bridgeport aim to help a sister city crossing a difficult period. And, in the name of the community of Petion-Ville we present you with our sincere gratitude.

Regards;

Claire Lydie Parent
Mayor

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