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Members of the Austin Community:

Twenty-five years ago, a group of Austin citizens joined with a similar group from Koblenz, Germany to form a people-to-people partnership. That association has spawned a quarter century of exchanges, cultural interaction, exciting travel opportunities for citizens of both cities, and many lasting friendships.

Austin and Koblenz have been sister cities since June 1992, and educational exchanges have been among our strongest ongoing programs. In addition, successful connections have been established in the areas of business and economic development; city administration and services; and culture, including music and the arts.

A Sister Cities delegation will visit Austin the week of May 20-26, 2017 for a celebration of this very special anniversary. Lord Mayor Prof. Dr. Joachim Hofmann-Göttig will be our special guest and has agreed to lead the delegation. In the spirit of the citizen-led Sister Cities International ideals, the hospitality we offer the delegation will be paid for solely by individuals and generous sponsors.

Networking events during the delegation visit will include receptions, dinners and a special 25th Anniversary celebration. We are currently seeking sponsors to help us fund these events. Please use the accompanying form to tell us of your interest in making possible a full array of delegation events.

On behalf of the Austin-Koblenz Sister Cities Committee, I hope that you will join us in support of this important occasion and participate with us in giving our visitors a true Austin welcome! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margie Tiedt
Chairperson