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Public Relations Committee Racine Sister City Planning Council 730 Washington Ave Racine, WI 53403

Friday, Feb. 3, 2006

Janice M. Johnson-Martin City Clerk Racine City Hall 730 Washington Ave. Racine, WI 53403

Dear Janice M. Johnson-Martin,

As members of The Racine Sister City Planning Council we would like to recommend the City of Racine replace the present sister cities signs that are located on the 'main' road/highway entrances to the city. We are looking to have larger, more visible and readable sister cities' signs in at least 2 locations on the cities corridors.

Improved signage:

- * will help our visitors feel welcomed as they enter our city and identify us as a friendly city that recognizes other cultures and ties that we have around the world,
- * will help our familiarize our own residents with our sister cities,
- * will help us celebrate our 50th anniversary with our 1st sister city, Montelimar, France, and will help pave the way for other cities throughout the United States to show their pride in their own sister city connections; the Racine-Montelimar relationship was one of the first 300 sister city programs in the world, and it was the 2nd paring ever of a U.S. and French city.

It was recommended to us that we should contact the city clerk's office so that this could get forwarded to the appropriate committee, or that you can recommend the correct committee to us whereby we can start communication with them about our request.

If you need more information, feel free to contact Al Hafeman at 637-8083.

Sincerely,

Public Relations Committee of The Racine Sister City Planning Council