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*Honorable Mayors  
And Russian/American Sister City Representatives*

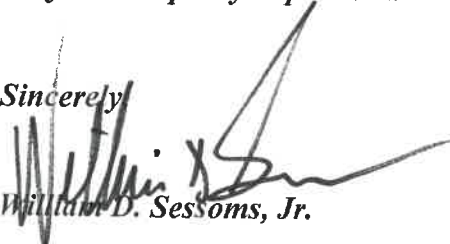
*The City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, the largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hosting the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual SCI Annual Conference and we are delighted to learn you plan to participate and be a part of the Russian Mayoral Summit on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at the DoubleTree Hotel. We are working very closely with the Board of Directors and Staff of Sister Cities International to plan a creative, dynamic and influential Conference July 13-15, 2017, with those participating on the Thirteenth arriving on the Twelfth. Norfolk Airport provides many choices of flight schedules. We are very excited to have the PARADE OF FLAGS, in which you may participate if you would like to bring your city or country flag. The United States Department of State will host the Youth Summit on Democracy at our own Wesleyan College.*

*We have a limited number of VIP rooms at the Hilton 31<sup>st</sup> Street on the Oceanfront. These are exclusive of the SCI packaged lodging so if you desire to have an Oceanfront room, it is necessary that you contact Ruth Fraser, President – SCAVB, at [rhfraser@vb.gov](mailto:rhfraser@vb.gov) immediately with your complete information, including full name, address, phone and email.*

*As the world becomes smaller and connections online become more frequent than face-to-face interactions, multicultural understanding of the community level is more important than ever. President Eisenhower's people-to-people challenge sixty-one years ago is even more necessary today than in 1956. Sister Cities enables Citizen Diplomats in communities across the world to develop relationships with communities in other countries that are based on cultural understanding, mutual cooperation, education - - and even economics. We believe this Conference will be a "vehicle" to help us "travel" through technological firsts that will mold our future. Virginia Beach is the creative site for underground and underwater cable all ready to be constructed with Brazil, Spain and the Netherlands.*

*We look forward to extending our hands of friend and fellowship as you plan and execute the Russian Mayoral Summit .*

Sincerely,



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