

April 6, 2020

The Honorable Tomoaki Shimada Mayor of Kawachinagano City of Kawachinagano 1-1-1, Haracho Kawachinagano-Shi, Osaka 586-8501 JAPAN

Dear Mayor Shimada:

I am writing to you today to offer my support and concern for you and all the fine citizens of Kawachinagano as the world handles the threat of COVID-19. As mayors, we must focus our attention on the safety and welfare of our citizens while making sure the day-to-day operations of our cities continues. Since the outbreak of the virus, I have become acutely aware of how interconnected we are in making sure our healthcare providers are quickly provided necessary equipment to care for the sick, finding a vaccine, and working together to restore the world economy.

Our sister city relationship remains strong for which I am grateful. Once the virus has been contained and vaccine protocols are established, I will begin looking forward to the opportunity of personally greeting one another. Until that time, I send best wishes to you and all the citizens of Kawachinagano for good health.

Very truly yours,

James Brainard

Mayor