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United States Chess Federation
PO Box 3967
Crossville, TN 38557

Good Day,

On behalf of the City of Vancouver, and our community, I would like to extend my personal welcome to the United States Chess Federation. We are pleased that you have selected our community as the site for your 113th Annual Open Chess Tournament in August.

Vancouver USA is the fourth largest, and historically, the oldest city in the State of Washington. Our vibrant and burgeoning community offers year-round activities and scenic sites for you and your attendees to discover. Tour through Fort Vancouver National Site, home to the 1800's Hudson Bay Company; enjoy a stroll down Officers Row, the oldest neighborhood in the Northwest; or explore Pearson Air Museum located on the oldest continually operating airfield in the country.

Our revitalized and dynamic downtown has a small town concept with a metropolitan flair of offerings, locally owned restaurants, art galleries, wineries, theaters, entertainment venues and boutique shops are easily accessible to your attendees. We are also very fortunate to be surrounded closely by thriving communities here in Southwest Washington, from Ridgefield and Battle Ground to the north and Camas and Washougal to the east, all offer exceptional unique visitor experiences.

Vancouver USA is full of breath taking beauty and incredible outdoor recreational opportunities. I hope you will take time to walk, run, or bike the Waterfront Renaissance Trail along the shores of the Columbia River or take a break in Esther Short Park, the oldest public square in the Pacific Northwest. Be sure to visit the neighboring Vancouver Farmers Market for authentic local fare, entertainment, and find that perfect gift made by a local artisan! There are so many attractions and activities available for your enjoyment here in Vancouver USA, and we hope that you have the opportunity to experience them all.

With so much to offer, I'm sure that you and your attendees will have a great event in Vancouver USA. Our community looks forward to the opportunity to welcome your organization in August.

Sincerely,

Mayor Timothy D. Leavitt
City of Vancouver (USA)

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