## Madison Sister City Delegation to Obihiro, Japan

Presentation to CCEC

#### **Attendees from Madison**

- Mayor Rhodes-Conway
- Mayor's Partner, Amy
- Alder Govindarajan
- Alder Figueroa Cole
- Laila D'Costa (Coordinator)

- Jo Oyama-Miller (Madison-Obihiro Board President)
- Patrick Miles (Board member)
- Emma Hahn (Board member)



### **Purpose of the Trip**

- Strengthen our relationship between Obihiro and Madison
- Celebrate the 20th year anniversary of our Sister City relationship
- Share best practices in local governance, sustainability, and community development
- Represent the City of Madison and its residents on an international stage

### **About Obihiro**

Population: ~160,000

Midsized City with strong University Communities

Known for Agriculture, sustainability and green spaces

Famously known for its Horse Racing

Home to the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine



# Highlights!



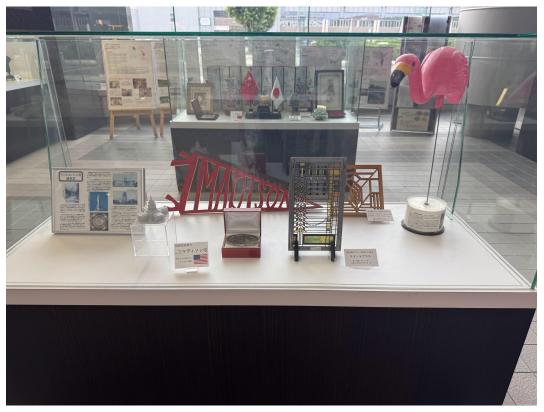


**Obihiro Museum** 



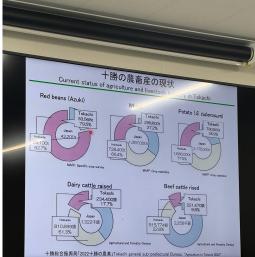






**Obihiro Sister City's Corner** 











**Obihiro University** 













**Obihiro High School** 



## Goodbye Obihiro!

### What We Learned / Takeaways

**Ald. Govindarajan**: Vending machines everywhere, allows for easy access to water & hydration

**Ald. Figueroa Cole**: ecosystem of support for farmers, complex and diverse transit systems, share a common responsibility to protect the environment

**Mayor Rhodes-Conway**: Small garbage and fire trucks, LED streetlights designed to shed snow



### Obihiro --> Madison

The City of Obihiro will be visiting Madison later this Fall to Celebrate the 20th Year Anniversary of our Sister City Relationship! Keep an eye out for details, we encourage Alders to participate.