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Dear Mr Cousens

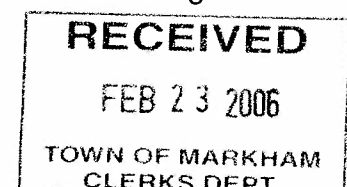
Farewell Ceremony for Lord Mayor Mr Paul Kling on Friday, April 28th, 2006

I wish to advise that our Lord Mayor Mr Paul Kling will go into retirement after a term of 24 years in office on April 30th, 2006.

With outstanding commitment and admirable determination he had a forming influence on the character of our town on all local responsibilities.

Enumerating all achievements and progresses during his long service up from April 1st, 1982, would be taking things too far at this point. Exemplarily mentioned should be his ideal economy policy contributing to reduce unemployment gradually down to one of the most favourable unemployment rates in Germany.

His main focus was stressed on the renovation of the old part of the Town, achieving a most admired jewel in urban development and retaining the lively Heart for shopping and living. Nationwide significant awards proof the shining example of Nördlingen in this regard.



He also rendered outstanding services to the social facilities. With tireless commitment he urged the enlargement and structural reform of the Stiftungskrankenhaus Nördlingen (Hospital Centre) by reconstruction in five stages up from 1984 by the end of 2003. Under his leadership a modern Nursing Centre (Pflegezentrum / Bürgerheim) was built up when renovating the existing location in the Old Town.

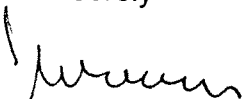
He was – and is – also committed to forging strong links to our Sister Cities, being a passionate supporter of the Sister City Relationship with Markham especially.

I refrain from detailing all the other services for his town.

The official retirement ceremony will be hold in the presence of the Bavarian Prime Minister, Mr Dr Edmund Stoiber, at the Stadtsaal "Klösterle" on Friday, April 28th, 2006, 11.00 a.m.

We kindly request the pleasure of your company at this special function. A more detailed invitation will be issued in good time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Sulzbach', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Horst Sulzbach
Mayor