## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

It is a pleasure to announce the United States Consulate General's Schirmherrschaft for the Münster-Fresno American football exchange project. German-American sports exchanges build strong bridges between us, and that is doubly true when they originate at the grassroots. The Münster-Fresno sports exchange will allow youth from both cities to further develop their international civic engagement as "cultural ambassadors," while learning the tactical sports skills that make American football an exciting game to watch. We are proud to support this initiative, which builds on and complements the already-successful Münster-Fresno Sister-City Partnership. Through such citizen engagement, we can help strengthen the transatlantic foundations of friendship, partnership and cooperation that have distinguished German-American relations since the end of WWII. I want to personally commend Frau Elke Wirtz for having initiated this idea, and for having contacted us to serve as the Schirmherr for this worthy project. We are proud to be an official sponsor!

Stephen A. Hubler - Consul General -