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Mayor Konstantina B. Lukes and the  
Members of the Worcester City Council  
City Hall  
Worcester, MA 01608

Dear Mme. Mayor and Councilors,

Attached is information extracted from the records of Marriage Intentions filed in the City Clerk's Office during calendar 2006 revealing the country of birth of each of the 3,268 applicants who came to our office to obtain a marriage license. This annual report provides all of us with a glimpse into the rich diversity of the community.

The data reveals that 35.6%, or 1,165 of those people applying for a marriage license were born in a foreign country. These figures represent the rich diversity of the city, and are assumed to be skewed to reflect the younger adult population within the population as a whole.

The following listing reflects the 81 countries of origin in our 2006 database of marriage intentions:

Afghanistan	1
Albania	20
Australia	3
Azerbaijan	1
Belarus	1
Bolivia	1
Brazil	116

Bulgaria	2
Cambodia	4
Cameroon	5
Canada	4
Cape Verde Islands	1
Chile	2
China	25
Colombia	15
Congo	6
Costa Rica	2
Cuba	3
Dominica	1
Dominican Republic	83
Ecuador	23
Egypt	2
El Salvador	64
England	5
Germany	11
Ghana	341
Greece	2
Guatemala	9
Guyana	3
Haiti	14
Honduras	3
Hungary	3
India	20
Iran	1
Iraq	1
Ireland	1
Israel	1
Italy	4
Ivory Coast	2
Jamaica	28
Japan	2
Kenya	73
Korea	3

Kosovo	15
Lebanon	3
Liberia	34
Libya	1
Lithuania	4
Macedonia	1
Martinique	1
Mexico	16
Morocco	5
Nicaragua	4
Nigeria	11
Pakistan	1
Panama	3
Peru	12
Philippines	3
Poland	31
Portugal	1
Romania	4
Russia	3
Scotland	1
Sierra Leone	2
Slovakia	1
South Africa	2
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	4
St Lucia	2
Syria	6
Tanzania	1
Thailand	1
Togo	1
Tunisia	1
Uganda	1
Ukraine	1
Uruguay	5
Venezuela	4
Vietnam	64

Zaire	1
Zambia	1

Of the foreign born, 481 were born in African nations,  
181 in South America,  
132 in the Caribbean, exclusive of Puerto Rico,  
101 in Central America, and  
96 in Southeast Asia.

Of the 2,103 license applicants who stated they were born on U.S. soil, 279 listed Puerto Rico and 4 listed U.S. Virgin Islands as their place of birth.

Of the 2,103 applicants born in the United States, 1,649, or 78% were born in Massachusetts. Applicants born in other states included New York with 156, Connecticut with 53, New Jersey with 33, California with 29, Pennsylvania with 25, Florida with 24 and Rhode Island with 20. Fully 42 states and 2 possessions were listed as places of birth for 2006 applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk