RESOLUTION NO.

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 000-18 ENTITLED "SISTER CITY PROGRAM"

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

That Council Policy No. 000-18 entitled "Sister City Program" be and it is hereby established as set forth in the form of Council Policy filed in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. 751347

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept.: Mayor

## DRAFT COUNCIL POLICY

SISTER CITY PROGRAM

NO.000-18

## Background

The Sister City Program originated in 1958 as a result of a request of President Eisenhower for cities to participate as part of his program on international relations for the purpose of aiding in the development of mutual understanding between cities of free countires. One facet of the program was furthering economic and cultural cooperation and interchange between the participating entities.

Official Sister City relationships are consummated by formal agreement between the governing body of a city in the United States and a city in another country. These relationships are recorded with the Town Affiliation Association (Sister Cities International), the national organization which maintains contact with the U.S. Department of State.

The City of San Diego established its first Sister City relationship with Yokohama, Japan, on March 11, 1958. Since that date, at the recommendation and with the concurrence of the International Affairs Board, The City of San Diego has established additional Sister City ties with the cities of Leon in the Republic of Mexico on July 29, 1969, and Cavite City in the Philippine Islands on September 11, 1969.

## Purpose

It is the intention of the City Council to establish a policy setting forth uniform guidelines concerning the maintenance and expansion of San Diego's Sister City Program.

## Policy

It is the policy of the City of San Diego that the International Affairs Board is the agency of the City which will analyze and guide development of Sister City relationships of the City of San Diego, and will make appropriate recommendations to the City Council concerning the establishment of additional Sister City relationships.

In considering the establishment of additional Sister City relationships the International Affairs Board should recommend additional Sister City relationships only if the following requirements are satisfied:

1. There must be a logical area of mutual interest with the city in prospect, in the fields of culture, commerce or history.

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- 2. There must exist in San Diego an identifiable, substantial citizen group or association which favors the proposed affiliation, and intends to pursue a meaningful program after the relationship is established. The group must be in a position to finance its own activities, as the city cannot give assurance of financial backing.
- 3. A similar identifiable civic or official group must exist in the city with which affiliation is proposed, with a clear indication of intent to carry out active mutual programs. The foreign city itself must evidence a desire to affiliate.
- 4. The proposed city must not have a sister city affiliation with another U.S. city, unless advantages of affiliation with San Diego are so compelling that a dual affiliation is justified.
- Not more than one proposed new Sister City will be given consideration at one time, so that interest and enthusiasm will not be unduly diffused or diluted.