

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299391

ADOPTED ON JUN 28 2004

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to pursue cultural, business, educational, and scientific exchanges, and to bond together San Diego and Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in a Sister City affiliation; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed, Jalalabad would be San Diego's first Sister City in the Islamic world, and only the second United States-Afghan Sister City program; and

WHEREAS, a San Diego-Jalalabad Friendship City Committee has been formed for the purpose of pursuing the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship between the cities of San Diego and Jalalabad; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Jalalabad Friendship City Committee includes members of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club and leaders, professionals, businessmen, and other individuals from the local Afghan community; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego-Jalalabad Friendship City Committee has followed all of the procedures set forth in City Council Policy 000-18 regarding the establishment of a new Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Jalalabad will result in no fiscal impact on the City of San Diego, and its programs will be financed by individuals and organizations that support the affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the initial exchange being planned is a program exchange between San Diego and Jalalabad with the anticipation that educators from Jalalabad will travel to San Diego in the coming months; and


WHEREAS, other exchanges and activities under development are anticipated; and

WHEREAS, support has been received from San Diego representatives of institutions of higher education and representatives of business and service organizations in both communities; and

WHEREAS, Jalalabad, Afghanistan, with its many spheres of economic, professional, political, and cultural life will further enhance the development of this international relationship; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby expresses its desire to be a Sister City to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and accepts the mutual desire of the Mayor of the City of Jalalabad, the Honorable Abdul Razzaq Arsalai, to seek Sister City partnership affiliation together.

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