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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 309832

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 15 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

WHEREAS, Panama has historically served as the crossroads of trade for the Americas and a project to double the capacity of the Panama Canal is due to be completed in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Free Trade Zone is the second-largest free trade zone in the world and acts as a regional distribution hub; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Panama has a strong affinity for U.S. goods and services, and economic ties with Panama could facilitate the growth of San Diego's "Blue Economy"; and

WHEREAS, San Diego staged the Panama-California Exposition in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, and San Diego was to be the first American port of call north of the Panama Canal on the Pacific Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Exposition was designed to call attention to San Diego and bolster its economy, and San Diego now seeks to celebrate the centennial by becoming Sister Cities with Panama City; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego and Panama City, Panama are finalizing the official creation of a business and cultural relationship through the San Diego Sister City Association, with many citizens and officials working to establish the relationship; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2014, Mayor Kevin Faulconer sent a letter to Panama City Mayor Jose Blandon expressing interest in exploring the potential of San Diego and Panama City

officially becoming Sister Cities, suggesting collaboration and exchange in fields including education, the arts, commerce, tourism, social services, and science; and

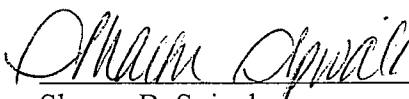
WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, Panama City Mayor Blandon responded to Mayor Faulconer's letter, confirming Panama City's interest in exploring Sister City ties; and

WHEREAS, along with potential economic benefits, the affiliation also could lead to forming Sister Schools ties between schools, promoting environmental awareness, promoting arts and culture, promoting the House of Panama in Balboa Park, and sending a San Diego delegation to Panama City in 2016; 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 the City of San Diego, does hereby express its desire to establish a Sister City relationship with Panama City, Panama, and accepts the mutual desire of Panama City Mayor Jose Blandon to seek Sister City partnership affiliation together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council Policy 000-18, which expresses a policy that foreign cities have only one U.S. Sister City relationship, is hereby waived by the Council so that it may adopt this resolution.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 13 2015.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Stacy Brady
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7/14/15
(date)

Kevin L. Faulconer
KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUL 13 2015, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUL 15 2015

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By Sty Brady, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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