



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

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Title: A RESOLUTION relating to the Seattle Sister Cities Program; recognizing the legacy of The City of Seattle's relationship with the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, and declaring the designation of emeritus status to the sister city affiliation between The City of Seattle and the City of Mazatlán, Mexico; recognizing the importance to The City of Seattle of maintaining a sister city relationship with a city in Mexico; and lifting the moratorium on accepting applications for establishing new sister city affiliations for the limited purpose of accepting an application for the establishment of a new sister city affiliation with a city in Mexico.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk: 5/11/2017

Mayor's Signature: 5/11/2017

Sponsors: Harrell

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	04/04/2017	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk						
	Notes:						
1	City Clerk	04/04/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	04/07/2017	sent for review	Education, Equity, and Governance Committee			

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Education, Equity, and Governance Committee
Notes:

1 Full Council 04/17/2017 referred Education, Equity,
and Governance
Committee

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Education, Equity, and Governance Committee.
Notes:

1 Education, Equity, and 05/03/2017 adopt Pass
Governance Committee

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).
In Favor: 2 Chair Harrell, Member Juarez
Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 05/08/2017 adopted Pass

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution.
Notes:

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember
González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold,
Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember
O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 05/10/2017 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 05/11/2017 Signed

1 Mayor 05/11/2017 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 05/11/2017 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31744

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WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is a program that was created in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for the purpose of advancing global peace and prosperity through cultural, educational, humanitarian, and economic development exchanges between residents of foreign cities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has promoted resident diplomacy through its participation in this national program since 1957; and entered into a sister city affiliation with the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between The City of Seattle and the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, was a very productive and valued sister city affiliation for many years; and

WHEREAS, the sister city affiliation between The City of Seattle and the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, has been inactive for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, entered into a sister city affiliation with Santa Monica, California, in 1962, prior to its relationship formation with The City of Seattle, and currently maintains an active sister city affiliation with Santa Monica, California; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and the Consul General of Mexico to Seattle have agreed that the many important relationships and efforts shared between Seattle and Mexico can and should continue outside the context of this sister city affiliation; and

1 WHEREAS, Ordinance 124255, adopted in August 2013, updated and codified in Sections
2 3.14.440 through 3.14.470 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) the objectives of the
3 City's Sister Cities Program; the process for establishing, maintaining, or terminating a
4 sister city affiliation; and the responsibilities of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations
5 (OIR) and the Seattle Sister Cities Coordinating Council (SSCCC) as they relate to the
6 Sister Cities Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Ordinance 124255 established a new membership category for the Sister Cities
8 Program, entitled "emeritus status," separate and distinct from the "active status"
9 membership category; and

10 WHEREAS, emeritus status allows for the continued recognition and honoring of relationships
11 with cities in which the sister city association has failed to meet the criteria for remaining
12 in active status; and

13 WHEREAS, Ordinance 124255 established the review process that the SSCCC and OIR must
14 complete when considering a recommendation to move a sister city association from
15 active status to emeritus status; and

16 WHEREAS, the SSCCC, under the powers ascribed to it in SMC 3.14.470 and after completing
17 the required process outlined in SMC 3.14.450, voted unanimously on May 21, 2014,
18 during a regularly called meeting, to recommend that the sister city affiliation shared
19 between The City of Seattle and the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, be designated emeritus
20 status; and

21 WHEREAS, OIR, in accordance with SMC 3.14.450 and upon completing a review of the
22 relationship between the two cities, has recommended to the Mayor and City Council that

1 the sister city affiliation between The City of Seattle and the City of Mazatlán, Mexico,
2 be designated emeritus status; and

3 WHEREAS, Resolution 29446 imposed a moratorium on adding new sister cities; and

4 WHEREAS, it is important to The City of Seattle to maintain relationships with Mexico both
5 outside the context of the sister city program as well as within it because of the vast
6 academic, cultural, and economic benefits that will accrue to Seattle and Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle recognizes the value of maintaining a sister city relationship
8 with a city in Mexico to further learning and understanding between both cities; NOW,
9 THEREFORE,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
11 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

12 Section 1. The City of Seattle highly values the sister city affiliation it has shared with the
13 City of Mazatlán, Mexico, since 1979.

14 Section 2. The City of Seattle is grateful to the many community members who have
15 helped The City of Seattle manage its sister city relationship with Mazatlán, Mexico.

16 Section 3. The Mayor and City Council of The City of Seattle jointly declare that the
17 sister city affiliation with the City of Mazatlán, Mexico, shall be designated emeritus status.

18 Section 4. The Mayor and City Council of The City of Seattle jointly confirm their desire
19 to see a community association come forward with a proposal for establishing a sister city
20 affiliation with another city in Mexico, reflecting Seattle's deep academic and cultural ties with
21 the local Mexican-American and Mexican immigrant communities.

22 Section 5. The moratorium imposed by Resolution 29446 is lifted for the limited purpose
23 of approving an application for sister city status from a city in Mexico.

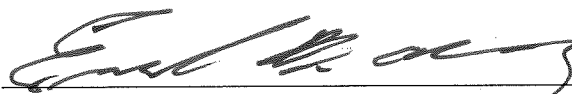
- 1 Section 6. The Office of Intergovernmental Relations is directed to facilitate any
- 2 interested group of Seattle residents in taking the steps necessary under SMC 3.14.450 to form a
- 3 sister city relationship with a city in Mexico.

Adopted by the City Council the 8th day of MAY, 2017,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8th day of
MAY, 2017.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 11th day of May, 2017.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 11th day of MAY, 2017.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

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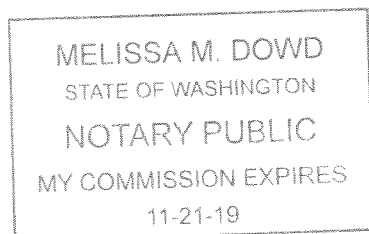
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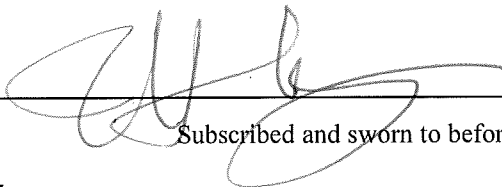
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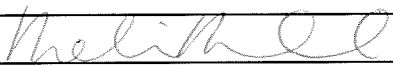
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Title Only Resolution

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on May 8, 2017, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

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