



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
July 18, 2023

TOPIC: Sister Cities Relationship with the City of Sahuayo

AGENDA TITLE

Agreement with Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico to Establish a Sister City Relationship

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Sahuayo de Ocampo, of the State of Michoacán of the United Mexican States to formalize the sister city relationship between the City of Santa Ana and the City of Sahuayo.

DISCUSSION

At the October 4, 2022 meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution establishing a sister city relationship with the City of Sahuayo de Ocampo, of the State of Michoacán of the United Mexican States ("Sahuayo"). To formalize the relationship, the City of Sahuayo has requested that the City of Santa Ana enter into an agreement (Exhibit 1). The agreement does not commit the City to expend public funds, including staff resources, in furtherance of the objectives outlined in the agreement; the City's participation is voluntary.

About Sister Cities Programs

The term "sister cities," also referred to as "twin towns," is used generally to refer to a form of agreement between two geographically and politically distinct localities for the purpose of promoting commercial, cultural, and economic ties. "Sister city" programs became popular in the United States in 1956 when former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed a citizen diplomacy initiative, Sister Cities International. While Sister Cities International originated as a program of the National League of Cities, it has since become its own entity. Although Sister Cities International is not the only mechanism to establish "sister city" relationships between cities, it is popular among cities wishing to do so. The City of Santa Ana currently does not operate a Sister Cities program.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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EXHIBIT(S)

1. Agreement

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager