

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2007

AGENDA ITEM : Discussion and Decision Regarding the Sister City Committee's Proposal to Donate Room Designation Tile Plaques for the Rooms Named After our Sister Cities in the Veterans Memorial Building.

ATTACHMENTS

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From: Sonia Karroum, President, Culver City Sister City Committee
February 15, 2007

The Sister City programs were established under President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The intent was to offer a "people to people" program, enabling two-way cultural exchanges. It was designed to promote friendship and understanding between the United States and people of other countries. Culver City's Sister City Committee was established in December of 1962. The method of establishing a sister city relationship with Culver City operates on two levels. There must be a vote from the Sister City Committee as well as the City Council. Once the agreement has been made, there is usually a visitation scheduled to each city by a delegation from the other, which includes members of the Sister City committee and city officials. A ceremony in each city with the visiting delegation cements the bond.

Below is a history of the relationships between the CCSCC and its sister cities around the world:

URUAPAN, MICHOACAN, MEXICO – 1964

Our first relationship was with **Uruapan, Michoacán, Mexico in 1964**. Uruapan's population is about 150,000 or more and it is known for its active volcano, national park, embroidery, pottery, and lacquer work. Culver City has contributed items like a used fire truck to Uruapan and continued to send supplies, like turn-out coats for their use. More recently in October of 2006, a group of the CCSCC drove an ambulance to the border at Otai Mesa, San Diego, where they met with Uruapan representatives and delivered them the donated ambulance from the Culver City Fire Department. The Casa de Cuna orphanage in Uruapan is supported by funds from our Sister City Committee.

URUAPAN was our first "sister city". Our City to City relationship was established on February 1, 1964. **On December 14, 1964, Dan Patacchia, Mayor of the City of Culver City approved and adopted the changing of the name of the Monterey Room in the Veteran's Memorial building to the "Uruapan Room" and...**

EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED

KAIZUKA JAPAN – 1965

RE KAIZUKA CITY: Following the Kaizuka city's famous Women's volleyball Team's visit to Culver City in 1962, Mayor Yoshio Okamoto, on behalf of Kaizuka City, requested the establishment of a Sister City Program between our two cities which marked the first time in the history of this program that such a sister city request was made by a municipality outside of the US. In a gesture of sincerity and goodwill, Mayor Okamoto visited Culver City before an official commitment could be made to the people of Kaizuka city; and after returning to Kaizuka, Mayor Okamoto's report led to the proceedings necessary to constitute the bonding of the official establishment of the sister City Program; Mayor Dan

Patacchia of Culver City reciprocated the visit to Kaizuka City, Japan with the necessary documentation and permissive authority for the bonding together of both cities which occurred April 29th, 1965.

Whereas through the dedicated leadership of Mayor Okamoto and Mayor Isamu Yoshimichi and through the succession of many Culver City Mayors to our current Mayor, Mr. Gary Silbiger, we have consummated a Sister City relationship that is the envy of the world and, Kaizuka city brought a part of its City to Culver City in 1974 when the official Kaizuka City Meditation Garden was constructed in Culver City in 1974; and a huge stainless steel statue was commissioned by Culver City and was similarly constructed and erected in Kaizuka city in 1977, depicting the eternal bonding of the two cities, and during the past 42 years, virtually hundreds of citizens from both cities have experienced visits, cultural exchanges, educational infusions and business ventures which cause public benefits not only to the two cities, but to the entire countries of the U.S. and Japan. In a world full of strife and uncertainty, and in technological transition, the Culver City /Kaizuka City relationship has been a role model for all Sister Cities.

The Shasta room was also named "Kaizuka Room" under resolution no. CS-5216 along with the Uruapan room

EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, CANADA: The Joint Declaration of the Sister Cities of Lethbridge, Alberta, and Culver City California, was signed on 11/17/89 by Jozelle Smith, Mayor and David B. Carpenter, FCA Mayor of Lethbridge at the time.

EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED

****On June 4, 1990 there was a memo sent from Syd Kronenthal, Director Human Services, requesting to dedicate "The Garden Room" at the Veteran's memorial bldg in honor of our newest sister City Lethbridge, Canada. In it he says that it has been both tradition and custom to have a part of a foreign sister city in our community. To accomplish this purpose, we have dedicated various meeting rooms in the Veteran's Memorial Building in the name of the respective Sister Cities. To date, (6/3/90) we have Kaizuka, Uruapan, and Iri rooms in the wing of the building. The only vacant room in this area is The Garden room; I therefore, propose with the concurrence of the Sister City Committee, that we dedicate the Garden Room in honor of Lethbridge, Canada. If you feel this request has merit, the Sister City Committee has pledged to identify the room with appropriate signage and pay for the expense therein. I have surveyed a number of folks in the community and there will not be a negative effect.** If you authorize the request, it would then

be possible to convene both official welcome of the Lethbridge delegate and the dedication of this part of our municipal real estate to our new Sister City.

Our Chief Administrative Office, H. Dale Jones, who currently is the "backbone" of our Sister City movement will provide you with more minute details when plans are finalized.

EXHIBIT "C" ATTACHED

IRI CITY (LATER RENAMED IKSAN CITY), KOREA

On 9/12/83 A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WAS FORMED BETWEEN IRI City, Korea and the City of Culver City. On November 3rd, 1986, an Agreement for mutual interchanges for international sister cities, IRI City, Republic of Korea, (Now Iksan City) and City of Culver City U.S.A. was signed by Paul Netzel, then Mayor, and Bert Glennon, Jr. Chairman of the CCSCC and In Shik Kim, Mayor of City of Iri, Korea and Dr. Jhon Jank Acting Chairman Iri City Sister Relationship Committee

EXHIBIT "D" ATTACHED

On January 23rd, 1984, by Council motion, it was moved by councilman Perkins, seconded by councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, that the City Council **change the name of Sierra room at the Veteran's Auditorium to IRI City room** and that the staff be instructed to prepare a dedication ceremony effecting the change during the visit of the IRI City delegation, February 3 through 10, 1984

EXHIBIT "E" ATTACHED

RENAMING OF IRI TO IKSAN CITY, S. KOREA:

The rededication name change of the Iri room to **"Iksan City room"** was done through a Proclamation dated **May 28th, 1996**, with Edward M. Wolkowitz as Mayor and Albert Vera as Vice Mayor.

EXHIBIT "F" ATTACHED

YANJI CITY, CHINA

On October 11, 1994 an Agreement to establish Sister City Relationship between Yanji-city, Jilin Province, China and City of Culver City, CA USA, was signed by Mayor Albert Vera and Mayor Dong Kai Piao of Yanji City, China.

EXHIBIT "G" ATTACHED

On September 9, 2002 after many years of silence from Yanji City, the CCSCC President, Pierre-Joujon Roche, wrote to Mayor Ri of Yanji recounting our past relationship and asking for a reply if they wished to remain Culver City's Sister City.

EXHIBIT "H" ATTACHED

After two years of silence, the Board of Director voted unanimously to dissolve our sister city relationship with Yanji City and on **March 30, 2004 Dan Cohen, President of CCSCC, sent a letter to Sister Cities International informing them of the board's decision to dissolve the relationship with Yanji due to the lack of news and/or correspondence, exchanges or activities.**

Yanji City therefore, is no longer one of Culver City's Sister Cities.

EXHIBIT "I" ATTACHED

RESOLUTION NO. CS- 5216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MONTEREY ROOM IN THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING TO THE "URUAPAN ROOM", AND THE NAME OF THE SHASTA ROOM TO THE "KAIZUKA ROOM", IN HONOR OF CULVER CITY'S "SISTER CITIES".

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That in order to honor and commemorate Culver City's "Sister Cities" of Uruapan, Mexico, and Kaizuka, Japan, the City Council of the City of Culver City does hereby change the names and designations of the following rooms in the Veterans' Memorial Building of said City, as herein-after set forth:

Monterey Room - to "Uruapan Room";

Shasta Room - to "Kaizuka Room".

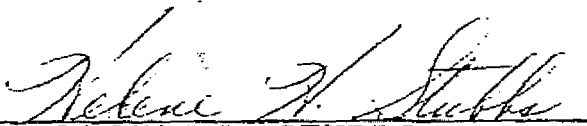
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 1964.



DAN PATACCIA

MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:



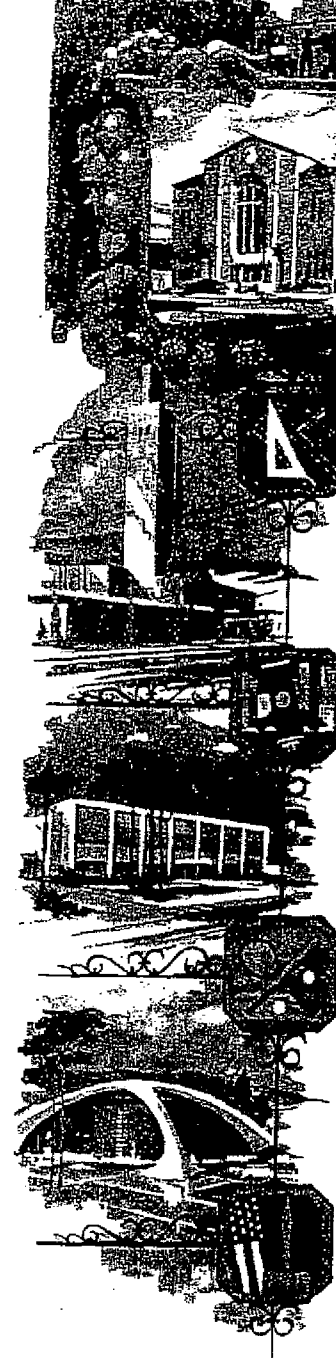
HELENE H. STUBBS
CITY CLERK

APPROVED



CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A



Culver City

A JOINT DECLARATION

of the Sister Cities of

THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, CANADA

AND

THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

WHEREAS, delegations of the communities of the City of Lethbridge, Province of Alberta, Canada, and the City of Culver City, in the State of California, in the United States of America, at the request of Mayor David B. Carpenter, FCA, of Lethbridge, gathered together on this day, Friday, November 17th, 1989, in the City of Lethbridge, on behalf of their respective citizens, established a formal relationship based on mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between the peoples of these great nations and cities; and

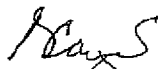
WHEREAS, the development and promotion of such a people-to-people relationship is hereby formalized as a "sister city" relationship between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, the mutual benefits of this sister city relationship between the people of the two cities will result in common benefits, such as:

- 1) Assistance and promotion in the development of the fields of city administration, education, commerce, industry and tourism, based on a deep and lasting friendship between Canada and the United States of America.
- 2) Interchanges and cooperation in the fields of arts, physical education, sports, commerce and industry, through such means as exhibitions of art and culture, sports competition, industrial and commercial exhibitions.
- 3) Cultivation of a further understanding of the social and cultural foundations of the peoples of each nation through the exchange of youth and adults in order to strengthen the ties of international friendship and cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the representatives of the CITY OF LETHBRIDGE and the CITY OF CULVER CITY, jointly declare the sister city relationship as set forth above, and each shall take all appropriate steps to foster the relationship among the people of their respective cities.

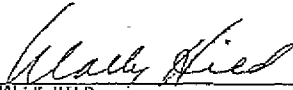
SIGNED AND DATED this 17th day of November, 1989, in the City of Lethbridge, Province of Alberta, Canada.



DAVID B. CARPENTER, FCA
Mayor of the City of Lethbridge,
Province of Alberta,
Canada



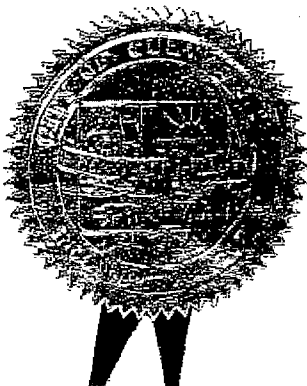
JOELLE SMITH,
Mayor of the City of
Culver City, California
United States of America



WALLY HILD,
President
Bridge City Twinning Society



LINDA SHIMADA,
President
Culver City Sister City Committee



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CITY OF CULVER CITY
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date June 4, 1990

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Through H. Dale Jones, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Syd Kronenthal, Director, Human Services

Subject: REQUEST TO DEDICATE "THE GARDEN ROOM" AT THE
VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING IN HONOR OF OUR NEWEST
SISTER CITY, LETHBRIDGE, CANADA

As you so well know, Culver City recently signed a pact with Lethbridge, Canada, to become a Sister City. A delegation of citizens and city officials, led by the Mayor of that period, Jozelle Smith, journeyed to Lethbridge for the official dedication.

A reciprocal visit will take place when the Lethbridge, Canada, Sister City folks visit Culver City for the short period of Tuesday, July 3rd to Saturday, July 7th. The Sister City Committee will be working closely with the Human Services Department to develop appropriate ceremonies during their stay here.

It has been both tradition and custom to have a part of a foreign Sister City in our community. To accomplish this purpose, we have dedicated various meeting rooms in the Veterans' Memorial Building in the name of the respective Sister Cities. To date, we have Kaizuka, Uruapan, and Iri Rooms in the wing of the building. The only vacant room in this area is The Garden Room. I, therefore, propose with the concurrence of the Sister City Committee, that we dedicate The Garden Room in honor of Lethbridge, Canada. However, since The Garden Room has been so designated over the years, I would propose that we dedicate this room to Lethbridge but still retain the name "Garden Room." This can very simply be accomplished by renaming it LETHBRIDGE GARDEN ROOM. People can still refer to "The Garden Room" for identification at any time. However, the option will be to likewise call it "The Lethbridge Garden Room." If you feel this request has merit, the Sister City Committee has pledged to identify the Room with appropriate signage and pay for the expense therein. I have surveyed a number of folks in the community and there will not be a negative effect. If you authorize the request, it would then be possible to convene both the official welcome of the Lethbridge Delegate and the dedication of this part of our municipal real estate to our new Sister City.

Our Chief Administrative Officer, H. Dale Jones, who currently is the "backbone" of our Sister City movement, will provide you with more minute details when plans are finalized.

Looking forward to your approval of this matter, I remain,
Respectfully,



Syd Kronenthal

cc: Sister City Committee
Attn: Linda Shimada, Pres
H. Dale Jones, C.A.O. - 7 -

EXHIBIT C



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

December 4, 1986

TO: Culver City Sister City Committee
Board of Directors

FROM: Dale Jones, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Agreement Iri City/Culver City

Attached hereto is an agreement "For Mutual Interchange For International Sister Cities (Iri City, Republic of Korea/City of Culver City, United States of America)."

The City Council of the City of Culver City, approved this agreement on November 3, 1986 in an effort to promote our Sister City relationship.

Dale Jones,
Chief Administrative Officer

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AGREEMENT

FOR MUTUAL INTERCHANGE FOR INTERNATIONAL SISTER CITIES

(IRI CITY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA,

CITY OF CULVER CITY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

WHEREAS, on September 12, 1983, a Sister City affiliation was formed between Iri City, Province of Jeonlabuk-Do, Republic of Korea, and the City of Culver City, California, United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Joint Declaration of this affiliation has been made in order to promote friendship and common benefits based on mutual interchange and understanding between the Cities of Iri City and Culver City;

WHEREAS, during the first week of November, 1986, another delegation from Iri City has made another visitation to the City of Culver City;

WHEREAS, this delegation was formally received at the City Council meeting of the City of Culver City held on November 3, 1986, at which time it was decided by both Iri City and the City of Culver City the sister city relationship should be embodied in this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Iri City and the City of Culver City, in an effort to further extend the benefits of a mutual interchange program, state the following:

- 1 1 Each City, to a maximum extent possible, shall
2 exchange mutual data relating to the fields of City
3 administration, education, commerce, industry and City
4 planning.
- 5 2 The City of Culver City gratefully accepts the gifts,
6 books, specialties and industrial products provided by
7 Iri City for display in the "Iri City Room"
8 established in the Veterans' Memorial Building as a
9 symbol of the two Cities everlasting friendship.
- 10 3. The City of Culver City will provide, as much as
11 possible, books and products to the City of Iri City
12 for display in the "Culver City Room" which will be
13 established in the Women's Hall of Iri City. The
14 Culver City Room will be open upon the next visitation
15 of representatives of the City of Culver City to Iri
16 City.
- 17 4. Each City endeavors to provide for the mutual
18 interchange of students works, traditions, cultures,
19 and arts.
- 20 5. Each City endeavors to create a measure of mutual
21 trade of regional specialties and industrial products
- 22 6. Each City will facilitate relationships between social
23 service groups within each City.

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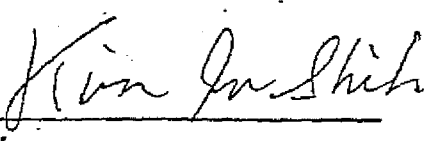
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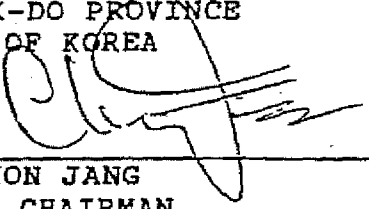
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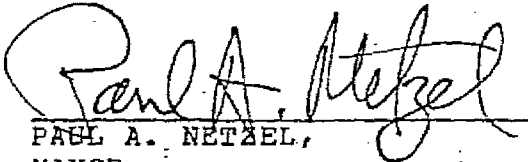
7. Each City will endeavor to exchange about five senior high school students for the promotion of interchange of educational and scientific fields and friendly relationship between the citizens of both Cities. All the exchange students will pay their own air fares but the inviting City will provide living accommodations for the visitors.

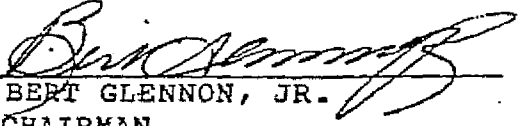
NOW, this joint agreement, written both in Korean and English has been signed and dated this 3rd day of November, 1986, in the City of Culver City, California, United States of America by representatives of both Iri City and the City of Culver City and shall be preserved by each of the respective Cities.


IN SHIK KIM,
MAYOR
CITY OF IRI CITY
JEONLABUK-DO PROVINCE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA


BY:
DR. JHON JANG
ACTING CHAIRMAN
IRI CITY SISTER RELATIONSHIP
COMMITTEE

AGR/SISTER/CITY


PAUL A. NETZEL,
MAYOR
CITY OF CULVER CITY
CALIFORNIA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


BY:
BERT GLENNON, JR.
CHAIRMAN
CULVER CITY SISTER CITY
COMMITTEE

Karroum, Sonia

From: Ohanesian, Aram
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 11:05 AM
To: Karroum, Sonia
Subject: Iri

Hi Sonia,

Here it is, it was done by council motion, on 01/23/84.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN PERKINS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL ALEXANDER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CHANGE THE NAME OF SIERRA ROOM AT THE VETERANS' AUDITORIUM TO IRI CITY ROOM; AND

THAT THE STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A DEDICATION CEREMONY EFFECTING THE CHANGE DURING THE VISIT OF THE IRI CITY DELEGATION, FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH 10, 1984.

There was not, to the best of my knowledge and search capabilities, any motion to change the name from Iri to Iksan.

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PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, REDEDICATING THE "IRI CITY ROOM" AT VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM TO THE "IKSAN CITY ROOM" IN RECOGNITION OF THE RECENT CHANGE IN NAME OF THE CITY OF IRI CITY, SOUTH KOREA, TO THE CITY OF IKSAN CITY AND IN HONOR OF THE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES IN 1983.

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City, United States Of America, and Iri City, South Korea, officially established a sister city affiliation on September 12, 1983; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1984, the citizens of the City of Culver City through the City Council of the City of Culver City dedicated the "Iri City Room" at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium as a permanent legacy of the international bonding between the peoples of these two great nations intended to promote peace and understanding through the exchange of cultural ideas as envisioned by President Dwight D. Eisenhower when he established the sister city concept in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Iri City has recently completed a major jurisdictional annexation and a change in the name of the city to "Iksan City"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City, desires to recognize this name change in all of its documentation between its sister city in South Korea.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, proclaims that the name of the "Iri City Room" at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium shall be permanently changed to the "Iksan City Room" as of May 30, 1996.

DATED this 28th day of May, 1996.

EDWARD M. WOLKOWITZ, MAYOR

ALBERT VERA, VICE MAYOR

MIKE BALKMAN, COUNCILMEMBER

SANDRA J. LEVIN, COUNCILMEMBER



RICHARD A. MARCUS, COUNCILMEMBER

Agreement
to
Establish Sister City Relationship
between
Yanji-city, Jilin Province, China
and
City of Culver City, California, United States of America

Whereas, on January 20, 1994, Dong Kui Piao, Mayor of Yanji-city, Jilin Province, China, formally expressed the desire of the people of Yanji-city to establish a "People to People" Sister City relationship with the citizens of the City of Culver City, California, United States of America; and

Whereas, the City of Culver City and Culver City Sister City Committee separately deliberated this invitation; and based upon the recommendation of the Sister City Committee, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Culver City unanimously voted to accept this invitation; and

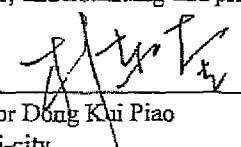
Whereas, during the period of October 11 - 13, 1994, a delegation from Yanji-city visited Culver City including:

Dong Kui Piao	Mayor of Yanji-city
Ji Zhe Chi	Assistant Mayor of Yanji-city
Ying Jun Han	Deputy Mayor of Yanji-city
Chang He Li	Treasurer of Yanji-city
Xu Dong Piao	Director of Public Security Service of Yanji-city
You Lan Du	Vice Director of Economic Trade Committee of Yanji-city
Bing Zhe Yu	Vice Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Yanji-city

And during such visit, representatives from Yanji-city, the City of Culver City and the Culver City Sister City Committee discussed and resolved to promote understanding and friendship; to cooperate in the exchange of ideas and information in areas such as our respective cultures, economies, art, history, trade, industry, city planning and administration; and to strengthen our Sister City relationship exchanges of educational, sports, civic and service delegations between our two cities in coming years.

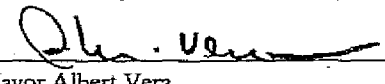
Now therefore, this joint agreement is executed by and between Mayor Dong Kui Piao, Yanji-city, China; and Mayor Albert Vera, City of Culver City; and Mrs. Pauline Dolce, President, Culver City Sister City Committee. May our Sister City commitment and relationship bring our respective communities and citizens true peace, understanding and pride.

Date 10/11/94



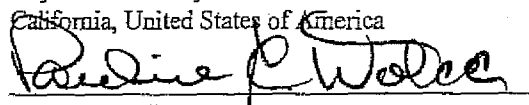
Mayor Dong Kui Piao
Yanji-city
Jilin Province, China

Date 10-11-1994

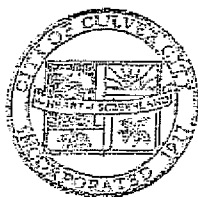


Mayor Albert Vera
City of Culver City
California, United States of America

Date 10/11/94



President Pauline Dolce
Culver City Sister City Committee
Culver City
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September 9, 2002

The Honorable Che Zhong Ri
Mayor of Yanji City
No. 91, Jiefang Road
Yanji City
Jilin Province, China

Dear Mayor Ri:

Your Sister City of Culver City, California, USA has informed us that you wish to continue our Sister City affiliation of many years. We also learned that Yanji City has new leadership in both the City Government and Sister City Committee. Our Municipal government, our Sister City committee and the people we represent have been both proud and impressed with the various delegations who have visited us in past years.

An earlier delegation from Yanji City visited our schools, cultural and recreational programs. A subsequent delegation seemed impressed by our local government, Chamber of Commerce as well as our business and industry.

At the dedication of our new City Hall a delegation presented the new City Hall with a beautiful symbolic vase of China and other cultural artifacts depicting the cultures of China through the eyes of Yanji City. These have been placed in a special room called the conference room in the new City Hall where our community leaders as well as our government leaders discuss very important issues.

Culver City is very proud of the many Asian and Chinese residents which are the fastest growing segment of our population. The Chinese Club of Culver City meets each week in our youth and community center and are very active in our senior citizens program and serve as volunteers in our nutrition program for the elderly.

Our internationally famous Western Hemisphere Marathon will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the victories of the Chinese marathon team both in the team competition as well as the winner, Lau Wen Ngau. During the games of the 23rd Olympics in Los Angeles many of the Chinese athletes trained using Culver City parks and facilities. The Olympic Marathon route ran through Culver City. The Headquarters for the Olympic games where the Chinese Officials met on numerous occasions with the USA Olympic Officials was also located in Culver City.

Honorable Che Zhong Ri

September 9, 2002

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Our most heavily used facility is the Veterans Memorial Building where we have dedicated an entire room, which we have named the Yanji City Sister City Room. At the entrance to the building is the internationally famous Western Hemisphere Shrine, which depicts all of the Olympic Marathon winners as well as the Western Hemisphere winners, including Lau Wen Ngau, the Chinese marathon champion.

Finally, we feel the Sister City program originally named the People-To-People Program was designed to create an atmosphere of kinship, understanding and cultural recognition to all the people of the world. We are happy to learn that you have renewed faith in this concept and ultimately wish to strengthen this feeling through the exchange of children, teachers, government officials, businesspeople and all others within our communities who see a global world as a total community. Your reply to this letter concerning our purpose and mission, if compatible to yours, would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Carol Gross
Mayor
City of Culver City



Mr. Pierre Joujon-Roche
President
Culver City Sister City

March 30, 2004

Sister Cities International
Attn: Ms. Amy Kohlbrecher
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue. NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Kohlbrecher:

At this time, we should like to bring you up to date on the status of Culver City, California, with relation to our various Sister City members.

Unfortunately, we have had to drop Yanji City, China as one of our Sister City members. Our two cities became sister cities on October 11, 1994 and we were active in the 1990's. However, for two years now we have received literally no correspondence from them, with the exception of a letter from a group called 'The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries'. In that letter, it was stated that we had no official sister city relationship with Yanji City, as this particular group had not approved it. Therefore, on January 7, 2004 our board of directors voted unanimously to dissolve our sister city relationship with Yanji City.

We feel that our Culver City Sister City Committee will be better served in directing our energies towards maintaining our four other active Sister City relationships, ie: Uruapan, Mexico; Kaizuka, Japan; Lethbridge, Canada and Iksan City, South Korea.

Thank you for your usual good assistance and informative help in these matters, and rest assured we will keep you informed of our progress directed to other cities around the world!

Very truly yours,

Dan Cohen
President
Culver City Sister City Committee

cc: Jerry Fulwood, CAO
Alan Corlin, Mayor
Carol Gross, Council Member
Steve Rose, Council Member
Gary Silbiger, Council Member
Albert Vera, Council Member
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Culver City Sister City Committee

Attachment 2

Fostering International and Intercultural Friendship and Understanding

P.O. Box 1072
Culver City, CA 90232-1072

October 2nd, 2006

Dear Mayor and Council-members:

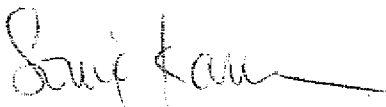
Since I am sending you the information about the Korean trip, I seize this opportunity to apprise you of the mural project that is being worked on to depict our four sister cities in the world at the different rooms at Vets which hold our Sister Cities names: Kaizuka, Japan; Iksan City, Korea; Lethbridge, Canada and Uruapan, Mexico.

This is a cultural/artistic project for which we commissioned Lori Escalera a well renowned local artist. A committee comprised of Mim Shapiro, Sonia Karroum, Pierre Joujon-Roche and Kathleen McCann has met regularly to work on the themes for each city and provide the artist with images to be depicted on the murals.

The project is to be finished by the end of 2006 beginning of 2007 and an unveiling is planned then. Of course, the Council and the people of Culver City will be invited to this unveiling.

The Culver City Sister City committee is doing its best to expose the youth and the people of Culver City to the cultural and artistic diversity which is imperative in today's world.

We thank the Council for its continuous support of our committee.



Sonia Karroum
President

Culver City Sister City Committee

Hi Lori:

8/15/06

Here is the summary of what we discussed all day today:

The following four murals have been discussed and here is what they will depict:

Uruapan:

- Upper left corner – woman weaving
- Upper right corner – avocados
- Lower left corner – church
- Between avocados lower right corner – Monarch butterfly and Water fall

Map of Mexico in the background with a star where Uruapan must be.

A plaque explaining the mural will be made by Culver City Trophy and on it will be displayed a small flag of Mexico and the date the twin relationship was established.

Lethbridge

- Upper left corner – two buffalos
- Below it to the right – the famous Lethbridge bridge
- To the left of the bridge – a native Indian chief
- Lower left corner – Historical post office building
- Lower right corner – New City Hall with the arc

Same map of Lethbridge in the background with a star identifying the location of Lethbridge.

A small plaque under the mural will also display the Canadian flag with a date the friendship/twinning was sealed.

Kaizuka Japan

- Upper left corner - Friendship statue with man/woman and child
- Upper right corner – Japanese building
- Center of mural is a garden and a small monument.
- Lower right corner – the pink flower of Japan
- Lower left corner – the map and a star identifying Kaizuka

Iksan City, Korea:

- Left corner upper – Pagoda
- Upper right Corner – Godori Buddha
- The map in the background and the star identifying the location of Iksan
- And lower center, the flower of Korea -

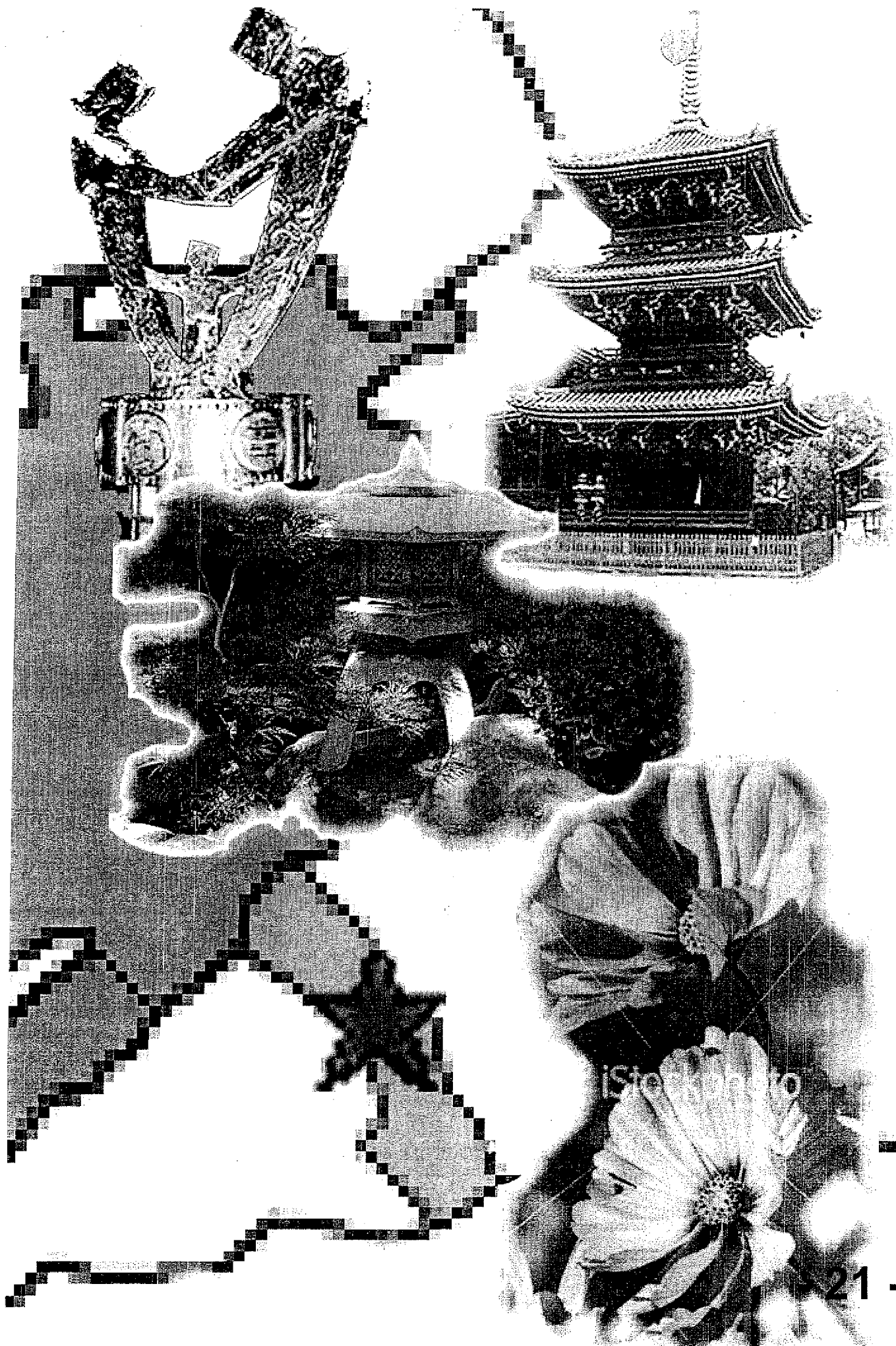
Under the mural also a small plaque with the flag of Korea will be displayed and a date of the twinning with a short explanation of the relationship.

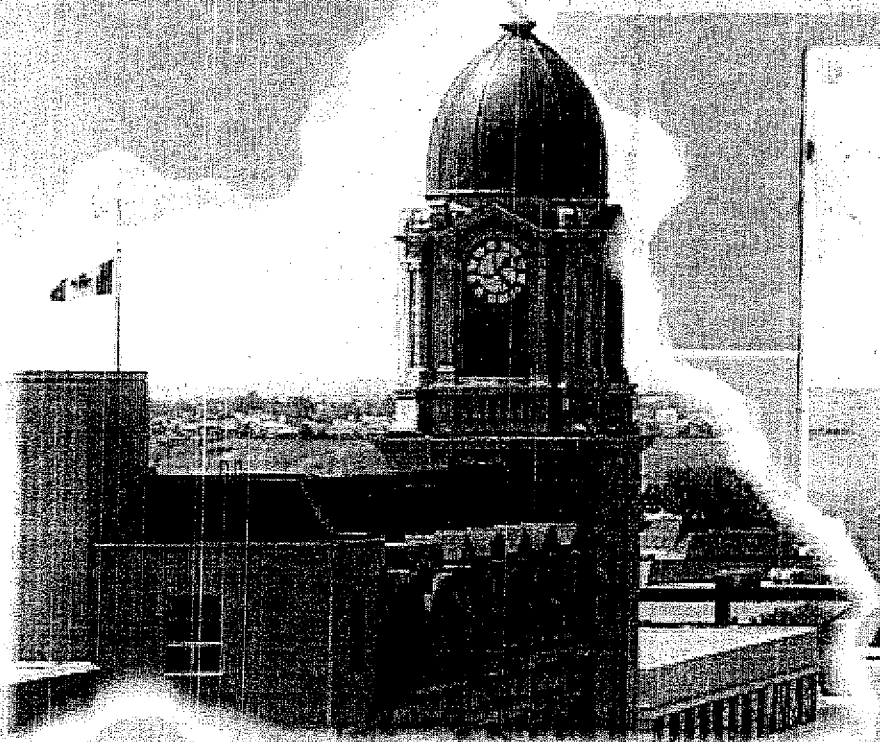
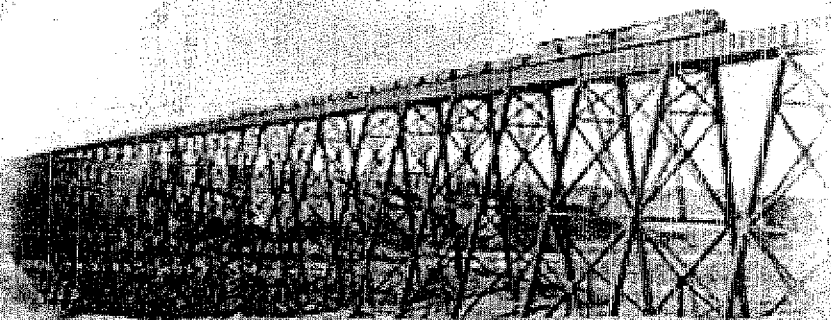
The Mural for Sicily, Italy, has not been discussed yet, **but is part of the project and will be done when the other four are finished and our member is back from Italy with news of the City to be twinned with.**

The pictures will be drawn by Artist Lori Escalera on tile, colored and fired and the tiles will be installed in a black frame (included in the price) ready to be installed by a member of the Public Works Department under the supervision of Heustace Lewis at the rooms at Vets auditorium which have the Sister Cities' names..

Sonia Karroum
President

Culver City Sister City Comittee







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