

MEETING DATE:

November 12, 2012

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of City Sponsorship of the Culver City Sister City Committee's 50th Anniversary Community Celebration on January 12, 2013 and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Related thereto.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from CCSCC to the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council, dated November 6, 2012.

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Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.



Culver City,
United States



Uruapan,
Mexico



Kaizuka,
Japan



Iksan City,
South Korea



Lethbridge,
Canada

November 6, 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

December 10, 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Culver City Sister City Committee (CCSCC) by the City Council of Culver City. CCSCC is planning a community celebration of this once in a lifetime event on Saturday, January 12, 2013. We are planning a free event open to the public on Saturday afternoon at Vets Auditorium that will showcase our 4 current sister cities: Kaizuka, Japan; Uruapan, Mexico; Iksan, Korea; and Lethbridge, Canada in each of the rooms at Vets named after each of our sister cities. Each room will have information about each city's unique culture, demographics, statistics, language and more. We will also have additional family friendly activities in the Rotunda Room.

That evening we will hold a Celebration of Cultures Dinner at the Courtyard Marriott Culver City open to the public. The dinner cost has been kept as reasonable as possible to allow for many community members to attend. We are inviting the Mayors of each city as well as the leaders of their sister city committees to join in the celebration and have already received affirmative responses. In addition we will be honoring founding members as well as community leaders who have contributed to the success of our citizen diplomacy activities through the years. The festivities will include entertainment representative of the four countries.

We appreciate the current City Council of Culver City playing a leading role in the 50th Anniversary program and co-sponsoring the events of January 12, 2013 with the Culver City Sister City Committee. We are evaluating and adjusting our current annual budget to allow for the additional expenses that will be incurred in the execution of such a major event including the visitation of dignitary guests from all four countries, and are requesting these two additional areas of financial support from the city:

- waiver of fees associated with room rentals at Vets Auditorium for the January 12th afternoon program. Based on our MOU with the city, the cost for 4 hours usage of the 4 rooms is \$348.
- the cost of hanging a banner across Overland Avenue which we understand to be \$600.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our President, I look forward to working together to offer our community an anniversary celebration worthy of the 50 years of ongoing service in international citizen diplomacy whose end result includes taking Culver City around the world and bringing the world to Culver City.

Sincerely,

Barbara Honig

Vice President, 50th Anniversary Chair