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Culver City Sister City Committee

June 17, 2016

Mr. John Nachbar, City Manager
And Honorable Mayor Clarke and Esteemed Councilmembers
CITY OF CULVER CITY
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Mr. Nachbar, Honorable Mayor Clarke and Esteemed Councilmembers:

The Culver City Sister City Committee, established by Culver City Council on 12/10/1962, became a 501C3 non-profit organization on 1/28/2008. The CCSCC specific purpose is to implement a program initiated by former US President Eisenhower in 1956 to promote peace, friendship and goodwill between countries through people-to-people contact.

Our Board of Directors would like to explore a new relationship with the City of Capo d'Orlando. Capo d'Orlando is in the province of Messina, Sicily, Italy and is regarded as one of the main centers of the mountain and coastal district of Nebrodi. It is well known as a thriving tourist and commercial center. Artistic activities take place in Capo d'Orlando (municipal's picture-gallery, the museum "Villa Piccolo"), entertainment (cinema,theater, blues club). Capo d'Orlando is also home to a top division basketball team, Orlandina Basket.

Capo d'Orlando is renowned, among other things for its beautiful coastline, which offers a wonderful view of the Aeolian Islands right in front, a remarkable coastal landscape and stunning sunsets. Tourism is one of the main resources that greatly contributes to the local economy. Capo d'Orlando has a massive presence of banks and businesses along with several fair sized factories located nearby such as "Porte IMIC" (wooden and metal door manufacturer), "irritec" and "siplast" (irrigation systems). Another successful business is related to the exploitation of the extensive presence of orange andd lemon fields throughout the area.

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The Sister City Board sees that starting with a period of friendship by which both cities can determine the feasibility of a permanent sister city relationship is the first step towards this goal. We have already established the interest of Capo d'Orlando in a relationship with Culver City via correspondence from Mayor Sindoni of Capo d'Orlando. When both parties decide to make it an official sister city relationship, the Sister City International guidelines will be followed thereby establishing an official sister city relationship between the governments of Culver City and the government of Capo d'Orlando.

In order to explore the viability of this relationship, the CCSCC would like to invite Mayor Sindoni and his spouse or an aide to attend the Centennial inaugural ceremonies and possibly if their schedule permits, the ball on October 1st, hosted by the Sister City Committee, therefore, no extra funds are required at this time from the City.

In the future, when a relationship has been established, and exchanges of students are foreseen, we might need about \$3,000 to cover the cost of hosting that students exchange and the cost of chaperone airfare when we send students there to experience the Italian culture, which is the ultimate goal.

I hope that this proposal, Mr. Nachbar, Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, meet with your approval.

Sincerely,
Sonia Karroum
President CCSCC