The Sister Cities Committee Welcomes You to this Meeting and Invites Your Participation.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL AID YOU IN UNDERSTANDING THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS:

Please contact City staff prior to the meeting if you have questions about agenda items.
The public input period is best used to present your views on an issue.

❖ SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS

Prepare your comments beforehand for the most efficient use of your time; avoid repetition. If you are speaking about an item on the agenda, stay on the issue being considered by the advisory body. Relax – there's no need to be nervous. The advisory body truly wants to hear your comments and ideas. It does not expect a "professional" presentation.

❖ ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

If you wish to speak to the Sister Cities Committee about an item not on the agenda, you should do so under "Oral Communications."

- A maximum of 10 minutes will be set aside for members of the public to address the advisory body on any item not on the agenda.
- Presentations will ordinarily be limited to **three minutes.**
- Priority will be given to individuals who did not speak at the previous meeting's Oral Communications.
- Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications.
- All speakers must address the entire body, and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue.
- The advisory body may not take action on oral communications, but may direct that the issue discussed be agendized for a future meeting.

Speakers are requested to sign the sheet placed near the speaker's stand so that their names may be accurately recorded in the Minutes of the meeting

❖ CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. Specific items may be removed by members of the advisory body or public for separate consideration and discussion.

❖ GENERAL MEETING CONDUCT

While the advisory body is in session, all persons shall preserve order and decorum. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or becoming boisterous or otherwise disrupting the meeting shall be barred by the presiding officer from further attendance at said meeting unless permission for continued attendance is granted by a majority vote of the advisory body.

Every member of the public and every advisory body member desiring to speak shall address the presiding officer, and upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall confine comments to the question under debate, avoiding all indecorous language and references to personalities and abiding by the following rules of civil debate:

a) We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
b) All comments will be directed to the issue at hand.
c) Personal attacks should be avoided.

❖ ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Chair announces the item.
- Staff presents the staff report and answers immediate member questions.
- Public Comment – three minutes; maximum total time may be set by the presiding officer.
- Advisory body deliberation and action.

❖ ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The Chair announces the item.
- Staff presents the staff report and answers immediate member questions.
- Applicant Presentation – twenty minutes; time may be revised by the presiding officer.
- If an appeal, Appellant Presentation (if not the applicant) – twenty minutes; time may be revised by the presiding officer.
- If the applicant is the appellant, the presiding officer may provide twenty minutes to one organized group in opposition to an appeal.
- Public Comment – three minutes; maximum total time may be set by the presiding officer.
- Advisory body deliberation and action.

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair or Members may make announcements of general interest to other Members or members of the public. These announcements may include, but not be limited to meeting schedule information, meetings of general community interest, or other general information. No written material will be presented, no recommendations will be made, and no actions will be taken, although the advisory body may direct staff to report back with regard to an item that is the subject of an item for future discussion at a regular or special meeting.

❖ INFORMATION ITEMS

Information Items may be provided on an agenda. No action may be taken on Information Items; however, advisory body members may request that Information Items be placed on a future agenda for discussion and action. Public comment will be welcome on any Information Item. Time limits will be established by the Chair.

❖ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Any member of this advisory body sitting on a subcommittee, or another advisory body, may provide a brief oral report as an update. A summary of such report will be presented in the minutes, if no written material is presented. No action may be taken unless properly agendized. Public comment will be welcome on any oral report. Time limits will be established by the Chair.

❖ COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

All resolutions and recommendations adopted by the advisory body and addressed to the City Council shall be delivered to the Mayor or City Manager as soon as possible, and at least by the next Mayor's Department Head agenda review meeting. If the action requests Council action, the item will be placed on a future City Council agenda, or a reply will be sent back to the advisory body with an appropriate response at the discretion of the Mayor, with a copy to the Councilmembers. (Council Policy 5.14)