

RESOLUTION 2022 - 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SAN CAYETANO, EL SALVADOR, AND INVITING THE CITIZENS OF BOTH CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL, DIPLOMATIC, EDUCATIONAL AND BILATERAL TRADE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International (“Sister Cities”) is a non-profit citizen diplomacy network that fosters programs that create relationship between municipalities in the United States and international communities, for the exchange of cultural, educational, business, and other information for the mutual benefit of the linked communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside supports the mission of Sister Cities, has participated in the forming of these relationships, and expects to continue to do so in the future through continued sister cities programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside City Manager Elizabeth Alba sent a letter of invitation expressing the City’s interest in pursuing a Sister Cities relationship with the City of San Cayetano and inviting Mayor Raul Florentino Mejia and his staff to visit the City of Sunnyside and the greater Yakima Valley in August 16-19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City of San Cayetano Mayor Mejia has accepted the invitation from City Manager Alba and will lead a delegation to the City of Sunnyside to formalize the Sister City relationship between the two cities during August 16-19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside and the City of San Cayetano, El Salvador, seek to develop a Sister City relationship and formalize the links of friendship between the two cities in order to encourage communication and camaraderie, promote cultural

interaction, provide for citizen exchanges and stimulate economic benefits to both cities;
and

WHEREAS, both Sunnyside, Washington and San Cayetano, El Salvador are major agricultural hubs that share similarities in terms of their economic sectors, cultural richness, commitment to education and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to invite the citizens of both cities to participate in cultural, diplomatic, educational and trade activities in the hope of creating a lasting friendship between the people of Sunnyside, Washington and San Cayetano, El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that this relationship will advance economic development and quality of life and otherwise be in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

SECTION 2. Approval. The Mayor and City Council, on behalf of the City of Sunnyside, hereby extends an invitation to the government and people of the City of San Cayetano, El Salvador to establish and participate in an active Sister City relationship and corresponding cooperative activities for the purpose of stimulating greater trade relations, cultural understanding and encouraging increased exchanges in the areas of culture, education and municipal cooperation.

SECTION 3. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such additional action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED this 8th day of August 2022.



DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK