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## RESOLUTION NO. 194

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP POLICY

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 53 encouraging the creation of a Sister Cities Association; and

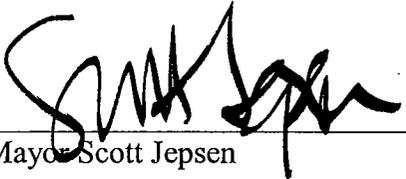
WHEREAS, the Shoreline Sister Cities Association has recently been incorporated as a non-profit association by the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to establish a Sister City Relationship Policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Sister Cities Relationship Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 14, 2002.**

  
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Mayor Scott Jepsen

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Mattioli, CMC  
City Clerk

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Exhibit A

## Sister City Relationship Policy

### **OBJECTIVES**

The City of Shoreline in entering into sister city relationships seeks international relationships which will enhance its citizens' understanding of other cultures, and/or which will allow the City to engage in productive and mutually beneficial exchanges of new technology, techniques, and solutions to problems with cities of comparable development. The City will support and encourage the establishment of sister city affiliations which serve the following objectives:

- To provide opportunities for citizens that live or work in Shoreline who wish to participate in social, cultural, educational, governmental, environmental, and economic exchanges.
- To provide citizens arts and cultural heritage exchanges
- To enhance citizens' economic well-being by developing opportunities for trade and tourism.
- To provide opportunities for citizens that live or work in Shoreline to work on international projects.
- To share expertise in addressing problems.
- To promote tourism and develop trade and economic ties in Shoreline with other parts of the world.
- To increase knowledge of and sensitivity to diversity here and abroad.

### **SELECTION GUIDELINES**

The following is a composite of different factors for consideration when selecting a sister city. These factors are recognized as subjective in nature and are to be used as general tools to assist in the selection process. The awareness that a desire to learn from and share experiences with another city can, in some cases, balance the lack of similar characteristics with a potential sister city.

Strong Shoreline community support.

Existence of a city organization or city sanctioned organization able to work closely with the Shoreline Sister City Association

Similarity to the City of Shoreline in terms of:

- size, in relation to the region, e.g., the City of Shoreline is approximately 11 square miles; Seattle is approximately 84 square miles. King County is approximately 2126 square miles.
- population, in relation to the region, e.g., the City of Shoreline's population is 53020. Seattle has a population of 563,374.
- the proposed city has infrastructure challenges presented by a similar geographic condition, e.g., hilly terrain, surrounded by mountains and arms of the sea; density; infrastructure in place to allow accessibility to and from city.
- the proposed city has a similar role in the region, e.g., a key player in regional, economic and political activities.

A history of informal relations between the two communities

Common ethnic or cultural heritage with residents of Shoreline

An interest in sharing views and information on issues of governance and citizen participation in public affairs

An interest in developing business, tourism and economic ties in Shoreline

An interest in sharing views and information on issues of governance and citizen/governmental relationships.

Recognized as a municipal government or similar political subdivision of an independent state of the world with which the United States has diplomatic relations at the time the selection is considered.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

In order to ensure that sister city affiliations reflect the community's interests, requests for the City for sister city affiliations shall be evaluated as follows:

### **Affiliation Request requested by Another City to Shoreline**

- If the City receives a request for a potential sister city relationship from another city, the matter will be referred to the Shoreline Sister Cities Association for review and a recommendation.
- The Shoreline Sister Cities Association will review the request and make a recommendation to the City.
- The City will review requests for establishing relationships, with the City Council making a formal decision on whether or not to proceed.

### **Affiliation Request initiated by Shoreline to Another City**

- Requests from residents wanting the City to consider initiating a sister city relationship with another city will be forwarded to the Shoreline Sister Cities Association for review.