

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Wurzbarger

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-146 REGARDING THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2006, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-  
14 146 that called for the appointment of a sister city committee; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe is a member of Sister Cities International, a citizen  
16 diplomacy network; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe has sister city relationships with Bukhara, Uzbekistan;  
18 Parral, Mexico; Santa Fe, Spain; Sorrento, Italy; Tsuyama, Japan; Holguin, Cuba; Zhanjia Jie,  
19 China; and Curitiba, Brazil; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe recognizes the value and importance of current and future sister  
21 city relationships that are devoted to promoting the mutual exchange of information, arts and  
22 culture, history and humanities, environmental, economic development opportunities and social  
23 opportunities benefiting the citizens of all sister city communities as well as the city of Santa Fe;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to amend Resolution No. 2006-146 regarding

1 the Sister City Committee to include committee alternates, to establish subcommittees and to  
2 make other changes in order to improve the committee's effectiveness.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
4 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body hereby calls for the appointment of a Sister City  
5 Committee ("Committee").

6 **Section 1. Membership.** The Sister City Committee shall consist of seven members  
7 and three alternate members, all appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.  
8 The alternates may fully participate in all Sister City Committee meetings but may only vote in  
9 the absence of a member (alternates will vote on a rotating-by-meeting basis in the absence of a  
10 member; all alternates may vote in the absence of three or more members). A quorum shall be a  
11 majority of the members although, in the absence of member(s), attending alternates shall be  
12 counted towards establishing a quorum.

13 **Section 2. Qualifications.** The committee may be comprised of City Councilors  
14 and citizens at large.

15 **Section 3. Terms.** The terms of the membership shall be staggered to ensure a  
16 continuity of organizational oversight, guidance and institutional memory. At the onset, three  
17 members shall fill three year terms, two members shall fill two year terms and two members shall  
18 fill one year terms. At the initial appointment of the alternates, one alternate shall fill a three year  
19 term, one alternate shall fill a two year term and one alternate shall fill a one year term. There is  
20 no limit to the number of terms a member or alternate may be appointed.

21 **Section 4. Meeting Times.** The committee shall meet at least one time per month,  
22 the date and time to be determined by the committee.

23 **Section 5. Powers and Duties.**

24 (A) The committee shall establish a program to set forth policies and procedures to  
25 rejuvenate and continue our current sister city relationships and to establish a network with Sister

1 Cities International for the purpose of maintaining current sister city relationships and to establish  
2 future sister city relationships.

3 (B) The committee shall strengthen the cultural, historical, educational and  
4 economical ties between Santa Fe and its official sister cities.

5 (C) The committee, through its chairperson, shall act as a liaison with the New  
6 Mexico Sister Cities International Management Team and with the Sister Cities International  
7 headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

8 (D) The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governing body to  
9 evaluate existing sister city relationships and to recommend forming additional sister city  
10 relationships.

11 (E) The committee may solicit community input as may be beneficial in carrying out  
12 their powers and duties.

13 (F) The chairperson may appoint sub-committees and sub-committee chairpersons as  
14 needed. Subcommittees may include Sister City Committee members or non-committee  
15 members. There shall be two standing subcommittees as follows:

16 (1) The Sister City Network Liaison Subcommittee comprised of one  
17 member representing each sister city to advise the Sister City Committee on current sister  
18 city relationships; and

19 (2) The Sister City Liaison Network Subcommittee comprised of three  
20 members to advise the Sister City Committee on working with *Sister Cities International*.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the city manager shall designate a staff member  
22 to act as the committee liaison.

23 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.  
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