

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-776

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 15, 2009

RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING THE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SACRAMENTO AND BETHLEHEM

BACKGROUND

- A. It is recognized that the friendship and understanding between individuals and organizations of Sister Cities bring benefits that are enduring and mutually rewarding.
- B. The City of Sacramento has benefited from having Sister Cities in Europe, Asia, on the Pacific Rim, and in Central America, but does not yet have a Sister City in the Middle East.
- C. The Mayor and members of the Municipal Council of Bethlehem during its session (176) held on March 26, 2008, approved and welcomed making official the Sister City relationship with Sacramento.
- D. Citizens of the Sacramento region have formed the Sacramento to Bethlehem Sister City Initiative, to work within the parameters of the Sister City traditions and encourage friendship between our two cities through people-to-people exchanges, e.g., students, artists, healthcare providers, agriculture, business, environmental innovators, and the like. These exchanges are being facilitated through actual community visits as well as virtual visits (via the Internet).
- E. It is the intent of those involved in the Sacramento to Bethlehem Sister City Initiative to be inclusive of the citizens of Sacramento, including the diverse cultural and religious communities in the area.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Sacramento City Council gives its endorsement to the affiliation of the City of Sacramento and the City of Bethlehem as Sister Cities.
- Section 2. The City Clerk shall cause copies of this Resolution to be sent to the Mayor of Bethlehem and to Sister Cities International, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 2004

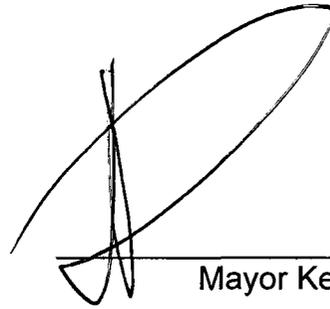
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 15, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters,
and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Hammond.



Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk