



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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STAFF  
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**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Report Back: Installation of a Sister Cities Directional Sign at City Hall  
Plaza**

**Location/Council District:** 915 I Street / Council District 1

**Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action on the installation of a Sister Cities directional sign at City Hall Plaza.

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**Presenter:** Yadi Kavakebi, Facilities Superintendent, 808-8432

**Department:** General Services

**Division:** Facilities & Real Property Management

**Organization No:** 13001521

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** At the August 13 City Council meeting, Councilmember Tretheway requested staff report back on the installation of a Sister Cities directional sign at City Hall Plaza. There currently is no policy or process for approving and placement of signs, statues or other objects in the area around City Hall. Current objects in the City Hall Plaza area including the Serna statue, Plaza dedication sign and public art were approved by a majority of the City Council.

Staff has been working with staff from District 1 office and the Historic Preservation Office to determine a suitable location in the vicinity of City Hall should Council wish to proceed on placing a sign. Based on the recommendation of Historic Preservation staff, the most appropriate location for a directional sign is in the landscaped planter at the southeast corner of City Hall Plaza along 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

If staff is directed to proceed, the Department of General Services will coordinate with the Department of Transportation to design, fabricate and install the sign. All work will be performed by City staff. The sign design would be modeled after the City of Los Angeles Sister City sign. A conceptual photographic rendering of the sign is included in Attachment 1.

Sacramento is a sister city to Chisinau, Moldova; Hamilton, New Zealand; Liestal, Switzerland; Manila, Philippines; Matsuyama, Japan; San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua; Jinan, China; Bethlehem, Palestine; and Yongsan-Gu, Republic of Korea. The Sister Cities Organization is focused on developing communities today while supporting future needs. The organization assists cities in promoting good governance, developing energy systems, providing clean water, offering healthcare and disaster reconstruction, promoting economic development, environmental conservation, and poverty alleviation, and increasing accessibility.

**Policy Considerations:** There currently is no policy or process for approving and placing signs, statues or other items in the area around City Hall.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the report back regarding installation of a Sister Cities directional sign is exempt from the requirements of CEQA, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines. Exemption 15061(b)(3) consists of an activity covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

**Sustainability Considerations:** Not applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Staff is requesting direction on the possible placement of a directional sign recognizing our Sister Cities in the area near City Hall Plaza.

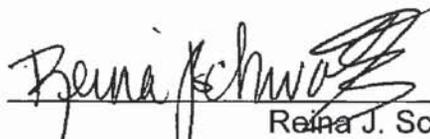
**Financial Considerations:** All work to design, fabricate, and install the Sister Cities directional sign will be performed by City staff. The estimated cost is \$8,000 and would be funded from the Community Neighborhood Funding (D01000100) project for Council District 1 (Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Program [CRCIP] Revenue Bonds [Fund 3004] and General Fund [Fund 1001]).

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

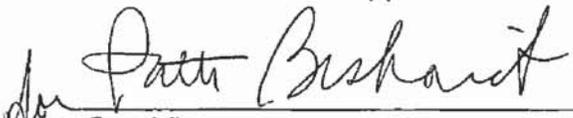
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**Attachment 1**

