

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Sister Cities Update

DISCUSSION:

City Arts Commission Secretary Caroline Logan will present a report on recent Newport Beach Sister Cities activities.

The Newport Beach Sister City Association is a non-profit, volunteer organization which endeavors to promote international communication, understanding, education and friendship between the people of Newport Beach and the people of foreign cities. These principles are accomplished through the cultural exchanges, business exchanges, student & teacher exchanges, student scholarships, host families, and fund raising.

Newport Beach enjoys Sister City relationships with the following municipalities:

- Okazaki, Japan: located 200 miles west of Tokyo with a population of 350,648, Okazaki is the birthplace of Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa. The city is best known for its production of stonework, miso, fireworks, centers for automobile, chemical and textile industries and biological research.
- Antibes, France: located on the southern coast of France, on the Mediterranean, between Nice and Cannes, Antibes is best known as the Rose Capital of Europe and the home of the largest yachts in the world.
- Ensenada, B.C. , Mexico is our closest sister city. While Sister Cities is currently committed to establishing more programs, they currently enjoy an art exchange with the elementary school children and have it displayed at local businesses. Most notably though, is the annual celebration of the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).