



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A TWINNING (SISTER CITY) AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF MYSORE, KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

WHEREAS the City of Mysore, Karnataka State, India and the City of Nashua mutually desire to establish friendship and cooperation between the two cities by entering into a “sister city” relationship, which will enhance cultural understanding and strategic relations between the two cities as well as between their countries.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement similar to the attached Template for Twinning Agreement on the Establishment of Friendship and Cooperation between Nashua and Mysore, Karnataka State, India.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION:

R-16-049

PURPOSE:

Authorizing the City to enter into a Twinning (Sister City) Agreement for the Establishment of Friendship and Cooperation with the City of Mysore, Karnataka State, India

SPONSOR(S):

Mayor Jim Donchess

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

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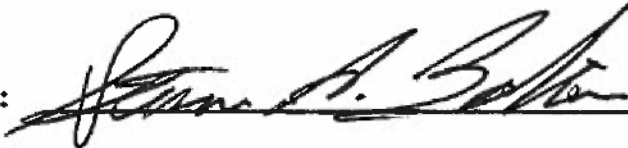
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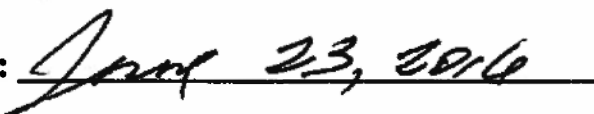
ANALYSIS

This legislation gives Board of Aldermen approval for the Mayor to enter into an agreement similar to the attached Template for Twinning Agreement on the Establishment of Friendship and Cooperation between Nashua and Mysore, Karnataka State, India.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By: 

Date: 

TEMPLATE FOR TWINNING AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN
Nashua NH USA

AND
Mysore, KARNATAKA State
India

1) Introduction

The Municipal Corporation of Mysore City, Karnataka State, Republic of India and the Municipality of Nashua, New Hampshire State, USA hereinafter referred to as the "Parties),

In furtherance of their desire to establish friendship and cooperation between the two Parties, thus contributing to the enhancement of the relations of strategic partnership between USA and India,

Have agreed to the following:

2) Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to:

- (a) establish friendship & cooperation and create mechanisms for its implementation within the framework of their respective jurisdiction, on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, in conformity with the laws and policies of USA and India as well as the international agreements inked by the two countries;
- (b) maintain regular contacts including between the designated authorities;
- (c) to the above ends, to undertake exchanges involving delegations, interaction between institutions, and sharing of experiences in the areas of mutual interest.

3) Areas of Cooperation

To exchange the expertise and cooperation in the fields of service delivery, civic administration, land use planning & management, transport, shelter, education, culture, sports, waste water & solid waste management,

infrastructure, urban renewal, urban and regional planning and related matters.

4) Roles of parties

In order to implement the activities mentioned above, the Parties will carry out their work assignments as described below:

I. Role of Municipal Corporation of Mysore City (The Republic of India)

- (a) Solicit the support of Mayor of Mysore for implementing all relevant aspects of this Agreement.
- (b) Undertake all works according to the highest professional and ethical standards.
- (c) Create and operationalize a Twinning Cell at the City level.
- (d) Form a Committee to support the Twinning Cell and give technical advice
- (e) Support the organization of activity related workshop, etc.
- (f) Conduct community participation activities and coordinate with concerned.
- (g) Maintain proper documentation regarding the various activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and send annual reports to the State Government concerned and Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, besides placing on the relevant website
- (h) Ensure, after signing of the Twinning Agreement, to place a copy of the same on the website of City and the State Government, besides formally providing a copy of the same to the Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- (i) Any other specific role/s as agreed among Parties.

II. Role of Nashua, New Hampshire, USA

- (a) Solicit the support of the Mayor of Nashua for implementing all relevant aspects of this Agreement.
- (b) Undertake all works according to the highest professional and ethical standards.
- (c) Create and operationalize a Twinning Cell at the City / Province level.
- (d) Form a Committee to support the Twinning Cell and give technical advice.
- (e) Support the organization of activity related workshops, study tours etc.
- (f) Conduct community participation activities and coordinate with concerned.
- (g) Any other specific role/s as agreed among Parties.

5) Obligations of Parties

The Parties shall:

- (a) Conduct regular meetings to communicate on all programmes, projects and activities that are to be undertaken under this Agreement.
- (b) Develop an annual 'Joint Action Plan' and project proposals/ activities.
- (c) Ensure that financial resources to support exchanges and activities are available prior to undertaking them.
- (d) Develop modalities of financial obligations and establish financial agreement for implementation of activities in the remit of the Joint Action Plan.
- (e) Develop modalities of financial obligation between the Parties to cover the domestic travel and hospitality national and availability of international experts for the implementation of the projects/activities.
- (f) Jointly develop modalities of international collaboration with international cities and regions in remit of this Agreement.
- (g) Inform their respective national governments periodically about the activities being undertaken under this Agreement.

6) Statutory Compliance

- (a) This Agreement shall not create binding obligations among the Parties. Nothing in the Agreement shall preclude either of the Parties from exercising any measures and satisfying any obligations prescribed under the laws of their respective jurisdiction.
- (b) This Agreement is not intended to create a legal binding obligation to expend funds or resources by either party, but is a statement of bona fide intent of participants. It sets forth the entire understanding of the participants in respect of the collaboration considered.

7) Implementation of the Agreement

- (a) The Parties shall, within the remit of their respective capacities, mandates and resources, make the necessary arrangement to ensure mutually satisfactory implementation of this Agreement.
- (b) The Parties shall publicize this Agreement by mentioning such cooperation in any relevant documents and materials related to the activities implemented under this Agreement.

8) Amendment

This Agreement may be amended at any time by written agreement among the Parties.

9) Duration & Termination of Agreement

The Twinning Agreement shall remain in force for three years subject to renewal or unless either Party gives a written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least three (03) months in advance. The termination of an existing Agreement shall not affect completion of the ongoing projects carried out under such Agreement.

10) Nodal Officers

The Nodal Officers of this Agreement shall be as under:-

- I. For the Municipal Corporation of Mysore City India
- II. For the Municipality of Nashua, NH USA

11) Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the agreement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof which could not be settled through direct negotiations would be amicably settled through conciliation and discussions.

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Dated: