



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 024-040  
DATE OF PASSAGE July 9, 2024

An Ordinance Establishing the Sister Cities Commission Under Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Sister Cities Commission will support the city's efforts in establishing and maintaining relationships with sister cities; and

WHEREAS, creation of this board will continue to enhance the city's efforts towards being a prime location for Sister Cities to partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Section 2-501 of Chapter 2, Article VI the City Code of Ordinances shall be adopted as set forth in Exhibit A, hereby creating the Sister Cities Commission.

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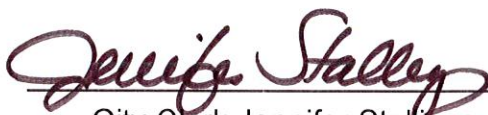
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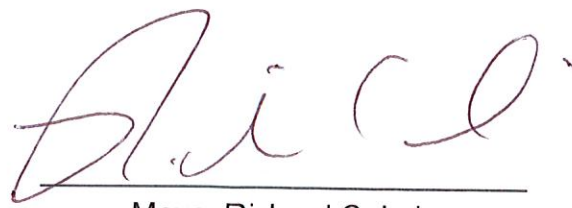
PASSED AND APPROVED ON July 9, 2024

AYES 11 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 1

| ALDERMAN                   | Vote   |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Alderman Llamas, Ward 1    | absent |
| Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2   | yes    |
| Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3  | yes    |
| Alderman Donnell, Ward 4   | yes    |
| Alderman Franco, Ward 5    | yes    |
| Alderman Saville, Ward 6   | yes    |
| Alderman Tolliver, Ward 7  | yes    |
| Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8   | yes    |
| Alderman Bugg, Ward 9      | yes    |
| Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10   | yes    |
| Alderman Laesch, At Large  | yes    |
| Alderman Woerman, At Large | yes    |

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk Jennifer Stallings

  
Mayor Richard C. Irvin

1    **Sec. 2-501 Sister Cities Commission**

2    The Sister Cities Commission is an advisory body hereby created for the purpose of creating  
3    greater understanding and cooperation, and of fostering a lasting friendship between the  
4    people of Aurora and its sister cities.

5    Commission membership shall be representative of the diverse population of the City of  
6    Aurora.

7    Commissioners may be selected from representatives of membership-based cultural or  
8    ethnic organizations, community leaders with ties to Sister Cities or their countries, and other  
9    professionals with an interest in participating in and promoting the Sister City relationships.

10   The advisory commission will:

- 11       1. Establish and maintain liaison with Sister Cities International;
- 12       2. Research Aurora's sister city or cities and their respective country or countries,  
13       existing and proposed;
- 14       3. Promote the following activities between Aurora and its sister city or cities:
  - 15           a. Leadership exchanges and partnerships
  - 16           b. Cultural exchanges for youth and adults
  - 17           c. Business and Economic development partnerships
  - 18           d. Exchange of medical knowledge and innovations
  - 19           e. Festivals and other celebrations of sister city or cities' culture(s)
  - 20           f. Sporting events in collaboration with sister city or cities
- 21       4. Evaluate relationships with current sister cities and make recommendations to  
22       City Council.