

Town of Yountville

Resolution Number 19-3587

Authorizing the Town of Yountville to join Sister Cities International; create a Sister City Committee to oversee Sister City relationships and accept invitation of Todos Santos, Baja California Sur to form a sister city relationship between the two communities.

Recitals

- A. The Town Council has provided direction for the Town of Yountville to join Sister Cities International SCI. Sister Cities International has worked to create global relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges which results in participants developing lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person-to-person “citizen diplomacy.
- B. SCI coordinates Sister City relationships and provides resources and assistance to its members with regard to best practices for an effective and meaningful Sister City relationship.
- C. The Mayor of Todos Santos, Baja California Sur, Mexico sent the Mayor of Yountville a letter inviting the establishment of a sister city relationship between the two communities and exchanged letters of interest noting areas of mutual interest such as tourism, cultural events activities between our two communities
- D. A Town of Yountville Sister City Committee shall be established to implement and coordinate the Town’s involvement and establishment of its “Sister Cities”. The most effective and meaningful Sister City relationships are a true partnership involving representatives of the local government, Chamber of Commerce and business community, Arts and Cultural organization and community residents. This process empowers all sectors of a community to participate constructively in the global arena, thus unleashing citizen diplomacy at the grassroots level.
- E. A group of local residents has expressed their interest in serving on the Sister City committee.
- F. Former Mayor Cindy Saucerman who now resides in both Yountville and Todos Santos has offered to serve as a liaison between the two committees to facilitate sister city programming between the two communities.

Now therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Yountville does resolve as follows:

- 1. Establish the Yountville Sister City Committee which shall be comprised of elected officials, town staff, Chamber of Commerce representatives, resident members and business and community arts and culture members which will provide oversight and direction to the Yountville Sister City program.
- 2. Direct staff to work through Sister City International to establish a formal sister city relationship with Todos Santos, Baja California Sur, Mexico.
- 3. Direct the Town Manager to take the necessary action to create the Sister City Committee.
- 4. The Resolution is hereby adopted and becomes effective and in full force immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yountville, State of California, held on this 1st day of October, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John F. Dunbar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Dahme, CMC
Town Clerk