

AWKA CAPITAL TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ACTDA)

The Hon. Lula Davis-Holmes Mayor, City of Carson City Hall. 701 E. Carson Street Carson CA 90745

Through

The Carson Sister Cities Association

Dear Madam Mayor,

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AWKA, NIGERIA AND CARSON, CALIFORNIA.

This letter is to formally request the establishment of a sister city relationship between Awka, Anambra State Nigeria and Carson, California.

Awka is an ancient City of about 150,000 people that is currently the Capital City of Anambra State in Eastern Nigeria.

The people of Awka are of the Igbo Ethnic group in Nigeria. Awka has a certain kind of aura about it, because it was the place of the blacksmiths that created implements which made agriculture possible.

Awka is one of the oldest settlements in Igboland, established at the center of the Nri civilization, which produced the earliest documented bronze works in Sub-Saharan Africa, around 800 A.D., and was the cradle of Igbo civilization at large.

Today, Awka is a thriving administrative and commercial city where the government of Anambra State, Nigeria has its headquarters and is also a center for industry, commerce and learning. The famous Eke open market Awka is located here along with the main campus of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, named after Sir Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigeria's first post-colonial President.

A sister City relationship between Awka, Nigeria and Carson, California will help foster-friendship, cultural exchanges, economic activities, trade and commerce between these two cities of similar size and shared values.



We look forward to your exploratory visit in December 2023 and other steps that will facilitate the finalization of this process.

Once it becomes available, please let us know the size and members of your delegation and the exact dates of your arrival and departure from Awka Nigeria so we can arrange the necessary protocols- courtesy visits and tours that you will be carrying out during your visit.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Please accept the assurances of my highest and esteemed regards.

Sincerely,

Mayor and

MD/CEO Awka Capital Territory Development Authority.

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