

RESOLUTION NO. 17-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH PARAÑAQUE, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the City of Carson envisions a sister city relationship with Parañaque, Philippines as a means of promoting a growing awareness and appreciation of each other's culture and people by developing a variety of educational, professional, economic development, and technical interactions; and

WHEREAS, like the City of Carson, Parañaque is an emerging city by the bay rich in heritage and history, and also like the City of Carson, Parañaque's enjoys a strategic location important for trade and business vis-à-vis its neighboring mega metropolis, respectfully City of Los Angeles and City of Manila; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the guidelines of Sister Cities International in establishing sister city relationships, Councilmember Elito M. Santarina from Carson, in July 2017, undertook an exploratory visit to Parañaque with the express purpose of meeting with government officials and others to discuss mutual expectations, goals and other matters for establishing a sister city affiliation; and

WHEREAS, a sister city relationship between the City of Carson and the City of Parañaque will foster cooperative undertakings as well as mutual friendship and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, the sister city relationship will not only strengthen friendship ties but more importantly institute a working avenue of communication in facilitating exchange of information and technology, urban planning and development, socio-cultural activities, tourism, trade and other important aspects of local governance that are beneficial for both local government units; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017, via Resolution 17-090, the governing body of Parañaque, Philippines also declared its desire for a sister city relationship between the City of Carson and City Parañaque; and

WHEREAS, once both governments have sanctioned the sister city relationship, an official joint signing ceremony of the Protocol of Agreement will take place in the City of Carson to be witnessed by official delegates from Parañaque, Carson City officials, representatives of the Carson Sister Cities Association, and community and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, copies of all official letters, resolutions and the Protocol of Agreement will be sent to Sister Cities International, the U.S. Embassy in the U.S., thereby completing the affiliation process and authorizing Sister Cities International to recognize the affiliation and to add the sister city affiliation to the current Directory of Sister Cities, Counties, and States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Carson, California, U.S.A., on behalf of its citizens, to establish a sister city affiliation with Parañaque, Philippines, and to enter into a relationship for the purpose of creating a mutual understanding between our respective communities and nations.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21st day of November, 2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY OF CARSON:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

Albert Robles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC, City Clerk