



Legislation Text

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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Discussion

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-087 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH AWKA, NIGERIA (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

Adoption of Resolution No. 23-087 (Exhibit No. 1) will demonstrate the City Council's authorization to establish a sister city affiliation with Awka, Nigeria.

RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 23-087, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH AWKA, NIGERIA."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to Mayor Ossy Onuko of Awka, Nigeria and Sister Cities International.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City Council is being asked to consider approving Resolution No. 23-087 (Exhibit No. 1) to establish a sister city affiliation with Awka, Nigeria. A sister city relationship with Awka, Nigeria is 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.

Similar to the City of Carson, Awka is an emerging city rich in heritage and history, and also like the City of Carson, Awka enjoys a strategic location important for trade and business vis-à-vis its neighboring mega metropolis, respectfully City of Los Angeles and City of Onitsha. A sister city relationship between the City of Carson and the City of Awka will foster cooperative undertakings as well as mutual friendship and goodwill.

The sister city relationship is not only expected to 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.

In accordance with the guidelines of Sister Cities International in establishing sister city relationships, Exhibit (2) is a letter from Mayor Ossy Onuko of the City of Awka received in May 5, 2023 to formally request the establishment of sister-city relationship with the City of Carson.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution no. 23-087 (page 3-6)
2. Letter from City of Awka, Nigeria (page 7-8)

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