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AL COUNCILMAN
8TH DISTRICT
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Date: July 19, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District

Subject: Establishment of a Sister City Relationship with Taoyuan City, Taiwan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request that the City Council approve the application of Taoyuan City, Taiwan as the City's newest Sister City, and authorize the Mayor of Long Beach to take necessary actions and execute any and all documents to accomplish the establishment of such a relationship.

BACKGROUND:

Taoyuan City is a multi-ethnic metropolis located in northwestern Taiwan. With a population of over 2 million, the city is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Taipei, in northeastern Taiwan, and occupies 470 square miles. Taoyuan is home to Taiwan's largest airport and shipping giant Evergreen Marine Corporation. It boasts a colorful tapestry of cultures, a thriving economy and magnificent natural surroundings. Taoyuan developed from a satellite city of the Taipei metropolitan area to become the fourth largest metropolitan area, and fifth largest populated city in Taiwan.

In 2019, the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. (SCLB) was approached by a group of Taiwan nationals seeking approval to initiate the process of forming a Sister City relationship with Long Beach. At its June 13, 2019, board meeting, SCLB entertained a presentation by the group and subsequently authorized the establishment of a Long Beach-Taoyuan Sister City Formation Committee to explore opportunities for a meaningful global partnership between the two cities.

Data developed by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) shows that Los Angeles County is America's top international trade gateway to Taiwan and is Taiwan's top gateway to the United States. Los Angeles County has the largest Taiwanese population of any county in the nation and has the largest number of Taiwanese students of any county in the nation. California is Taiwan's #1 trading partner among the U.S. states, and Taiwan is California's 6th largest export market. One-quarter of U. S. Taiwanese immigrants reside in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana metro area.

The Taoyuan Sister City Formation Committee worked for almost two years establishing a solid support group and developing local relationships with key Long Beach stakeholders. Evergreen Marine Corporation at the Port of Long Beach appointed a representative to the committee in support. Also joining were professors at CSULB, local business owners, and community residents. The Committee hosted the 2019 Taoyuan Dragon Boat team visiting Long Beach to compete in the annual race and sponsored a "Taste of Taiwan", featuring the culinary excellence of three Taiwanese chefs from Taoyuan. Generally, the committee attended SCLB board meetings, sought and received advice from board members and worked on completing formation requirements and the formal application for Sister City status. At its December 8, 2020 meeting, the SCLB Board of Directors unanimously approved the attached application (Attachment A).

The board determined that a Long Beach – Taoyuan Sister City relationship could provide a mutually beneficial exchange and dialogue for business opportunities, port strategies and cultural enrichment. In keeping with the Sister City tradition, the partnership could also provide opportunities for friendship and social, economic and educational exchanges.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Because of the urgency of this item, a fiscal review was not able to be performed.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY:

Due to the time sensitivity of this request, this item is urgent in nature

November 13, 2020

Sisters Cities of Long Beach Inc
P.O Box 41492
Long Beach, CA 90853

RE: Sister City Application, Taoyuan Taiwan

Dear Board of Directors for Sisters Cities of Long Beach

It is with pleasure and humility that I write to you to submit our application for the formation of Taoyuan Long Beach Sister Cities. We are happy to have known all the members of the Sister Cities of Long Beach for the last couple years and it is with all our best wishes and encouragements to continue this relationship further.

The community and city of Taoyuan looks forward to your consideration. I will be available at your leisure if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Alan Thian

I verify that the information provided below is true to the best of my knowledge.



Signature, Chair of Applicant Sister City Committee



Print Name

Briefly explain how the idea of a relationship with the foreign city was born?

The idea was conceived from Paul Chen who is the Director of TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) Los Angeles. He had visited Long Beach and thought it would be a mutual benefit for both cities to become sister cities due to its commonality as port cities and since Evergreen is a major trading partner with the Port of Long Beach. Director Chen saw a strong potential for increased economic benefits for both cities.

Committee's Financial Information:

Bank Name: Royal Business Bank

Branch: San Gabriel, CA

Account Number: 230401966

Royal Business Bank is a major supporter of the Taoyuan Long Beach Sister Cities formation committee. The current Chairman on the Taoyuan Long Beach Sister Cities Formation Committee is the current Chairman/CEO/President of Royal Business Bank.

Person(s) designated as primary contact(s) for communications with Sister Cities of Long Beach, inc:

Full Name: Min Thian

Telephone: 626-272-5953

Full Name: Lynn Wen

Telephone: 626-236-8559

Primary Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives :

- Create a platform and maintain regular meetings and cooperation.
- Enhance mutual trust, understanding, and cooperation between the citizens, businesses, and industries in all aspects.
- Promote economic and trade exchanges and develop a quality investment environment.
- Offer and promote cooperation and the exchanges in human rights, culture, education, sports, technology, and youth development.
- Increase the exchanges between the two sister cities in fields including but not limited to technology, public infrastructure, and transportation.

Background of establishing sister cities relationship :

- Both cities are transportation hubs: Both have international airport; There are several flights traveling between Taoyuan International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport a week.
- Similar industries: Both cities developed large aerospace and logistics industry.
- The City of Long Beach has not established sister city relationship with any cities in Taiwan yet: Taoyuan City will be Long Beach's first friend in Taiwan.
- Deepen the relationship with California: Taoyuan City is currently a sister city to three cities in California. To promote various exchanges, we plan to cooperate with different sister cities that have distinct characteristics.

What does the group hope to get out of the partnership?

The experience of governing the City of Long Beach could be a model for Taoyuan City in areas including urban planning, business management, population policies and cultural industry. The experience of local business management and cross-boundary governance are especially valuable. Recently Taoyuan City focuses on the development of the Aerotropolis Project, and we hope to learn from the exchanging ideas in the aforementioned areas.

Benefits of Foreign City Relationship

- Experience of Developing Tourism: Taoyuan City has a well-developed tourism industry, with various kinds of local tours and souvenirs which could serve as examples for the future development of tourism in the City of Long Beach.
- Green Energy Development: Taoyuan is dedicated to developing sustainable and green energy, with wind power, floating solar generators on ponds, and electric scooter factories developing in the City. Taoyuan City will put emphasis on green energy and environmental sustainability as it develops its economy.
- Logistics and Transportation Cooperation: The two cities could establish commercial cooperation between the aero- and marine transportation industries, as well as launch industrial cooperation and hold international forums.
- Human Rights Exchange: Taoyuan City protects and values human rights. The city not only holds regular forums and memorial events annually, but also actively responds to international human rights issues. (e.g. labor relations and migrant labors.)
- Traffic Management Experience: Taoyuan City can share its experience of building and managing the traffic network with neighboring cities.
- Taoyuan is the gateway for foreigners entering the country and Taoyuan has done an excellent job keeping the Covid 19 numbers to a minimum. Taiwan's daily Covid 19 case count is either 0 or 1 and the total case fatality rate is in the single digits. Taoyuan hopes to share some of the resources and knowledge to fighting the virus.
- There are 23 US Cities with Sister City relationships with both China and Taiwan with 3 of those cities located in California (Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco). Taoyuan City hopes to join Long Beach to be among one of the cities that bridges the differences and joins people to people.

Proposed Program and Community Involvement

We would like to invite the City of Long Beach and the committee to participate in the "Taoyuan Agriculture Expo" and exchange ideas on smart agriculture, culture, tourism, and trade.

Additionally, we would like to use this partnership as an endorsement for expanding the CSULB internship program for medical students to the Taoyuan Medical Hospital facility and hopefully vice-versa. Taoyuan is continually expanding its technology industry and hopes to integrate an exchange program for this as well.

Ultimately, by beginning with the hospital internship for students, we hope to establish a program and hopefully expand the program to technology, trade.

Additional Information

Local Letters of Recommendation:

Professor Jang, CSULB

Professor Lee, CSULB

Professor Erlyana, CSULB

Taiwan Center

CSULB Taiwan Student Association

Foreign Letters of Recommendation:

Taoyuan City – Mayor Cheng

Eva Airlines

Ta Chen Steel

TECO Director General

Evergreen Shipping

- Roster of Board of Directors of the proposed committee, including name, address, phone, email and affiliation;
- Roster of a minimum of 15 dues-paying members of the proposed committee, including name, address, phone, email and affiliation;
- Bank statements for three months immediately prior to application showing balances, deposits and withdrawals, with most recent statement showing a minimum balance of \$500;
- A check in the amount of \$400 payable to Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. as payment for one year's dues. The payment will be applied and prorated, if necessary and appropriate, to the relevant fiscal year of membership. If for any reason the application is rejected, the payment will be returned;
- Minimum of five(5) letters of support from Long Beach organizations, institutions, elected officials and/or community leaders; and
- Minimum of five(5) letters of support from the proposed foreign city organizations, institutions, elected officials and/or community leaders, one of which must be the chief elected official of the city.



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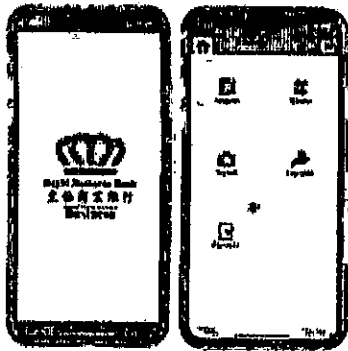
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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
LA BUSINESS CHECKING	XXXXXX1966	\$1,000.00



LA BUSINESS CHECKING-XXXXXX1966

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
08/28/2020	Beginning Balance	\$0.00
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$1,000.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
08/31/2020	Ending Balance	\$1,000.00

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
08/28/2020	Beginning Balance			\$0.00
08/28/2020	DEPOSIT		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
08/31/2020	Ending Balance			\$1,000.00

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
08/28/2020	\$1,000.00

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Long Beach-Taoyuan Sister City Formation Committee Members

Board of Directors

1. Alan Thian (Royal Business Bank) – President
2. Min Thian (Chicago Title Insurance Company) – Vice President
3. Lynn Wen (State Farm Insurance Company) – Secretary General
4. Ko Yen Lin (TKL Corp) – Treasurer
5. Tom Wu (Fairfield Inn Marriott) – Director

Committee Members

1. Alan Thian (Royal Business Bank, Los Angeles CA)
2. Min Thian (Chicago Title Insurance Company, Los Angeles, CA)
3. Lynn Wen (State Farm Insurance Company, Los Angeles, CA)
4. Ko Yen Lin (TKL Corp, Los Angeles, CA)
5. Tom Wu (Fairfield Inn Marriott, Los Angeles, CA)
6. Simon Pang (Royal Business Bank, Los Angeles, CA)
7. Paul Chen (Chen & Fan Accountancy, Los Angeles, CA)
8. John Wang (Hotel Current Long Beach Owner, Long Beach CA)
9. Jackie Wang (Long Beach Resident, Long Beach, CA)
10. Chao Hsin Hsu (Sun Ten Pharmaceutical Co Ltd, Long Beach, CA)
11. Vincent Lin (Evergreen Shipping, Long Beach CA)
12. Jeffrey Fu (Financial Advisor, Los Angeles, CA)
13. Elizabeth Tseng (Musician, Los Angeles, CA)
14. Linda Ruckwardt (Royal Business Bank, Los Angeles, CA)
15. Regina Lin (Cosmetologist, Los Angeles, CA)
16. Joseph Tseng (JJ Trade, Los Angeles, CA)
17. Johnny Hsieh (Ta Chen Steel, Long Beach, CA)
18. Professor Jean Lee-Lin PhD (CSULB, Long Beach, CA)
19. Professor Larry Jang (CSULB, Long Beach, CA)
20. E. Erylana PhD (CSULB, Long Beach, CA)



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

September 12, 2020
Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
Long Beach, CA 90853

Dear Distinguished Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation that the cities of Taoyuan and Long Beach, California embrace the unity afforded by formal distinction as Sister Cities.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by Taoyuan and Long Beach on March 1, 2019, which built the foundation for the two cities to broaden their relationship, a significant step toward deepening the mutual benefit of an alliance. It is now time for the next steps to be taken to build an enduring trans-Pacific commitment.

In terms of culture, Taoyuan City and Long Beach City have already held events that foster mutual understanding between the two cities. In 2019, Taoyuan City participated the 23rd annual Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival, and showed Taoyuan's spirit; Taoyuan also attended Long Beach Hakka cuisine event, to promote Taoyuan Hakka food and traditional culture.

The connections and similarities held by the two cities are unmistakable. Taoyuan bears the distinction of being the logistic hub of Taiwan, while the Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest container port in the United States. The formal association bestowed by Sister City status is simply natural, and we look forward to seeing the scale of interaction between the two become more enhanced because of it.

California State University Long Beach (CSULB) is one of the leading universities within the California State University system. It has attracted students from abroad, including many from Taiwan. As a faculty member and former chair of the

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

Chemical Engineering Department, I am delighted to see this positive development that would form stronger ties between Taoyuan and Long Beach. Two years ago, a group of pre-med students from CSULB took their summer internship at Landseed International Hospital located in Taoyuan City. The feedbacks from students and the host hospital were extremely positive. I believe that the sister city partnership between Taoyuan and Long Beach will certainly encourage more such academic and professional exchanges between the two cities.

In order to further the possibilities of enhanced investment through joint projects, Larry Jang hereby recommends Taoyuan City and Long Beach City further extend their hands in friendship by signing the Sister City Agreement, creating a mutually beneficial situation for both locals and the companies who drive bustling economies through them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Jang".

Larry Jang, Professor and Former Chair
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

September 14, 2020
Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
Long Beach, CA 90853

Dear Distinguished Board of Directors for Sister Cities of Long Beach,

With this letter, it is my honor and privilege to recommend that City of Long Beach, California forms a Sister City partnership with Taoyuan, Taiwan as to establish a long-term and mutually beneficial relationship.

As a city adjacent to Taipei, Taoyuan is a rapidly growing city that has convenient access to the Taoyuan International Airport serving as an irreplaceable logistics hub. Given the reputation that the healthcare industry in Taiwan is internationally acclaimed and has recently earned the first place in the worldwide Healthcare Index, there is a famous hospital organizations located in Taoyuan, namely the Landseed International Hospital, of Landseed Medical Group.

Since 2018, I have represented the Landseed Medical Group and developed a well-established exchange program, which is known as the Landseed Hospital Management Program, between CSULB and the Landseed International Hospital. The goal of the program is to help premedical students acquire international hospital management experience prior to their matriculation into medical school, and to enable our prospective healthcare professionals to gain experience with diversity and international healthcare that will in the future benefit their contribution to the U.S. healthcare system.

After two years of a successful trial partnership with the Landseed International Hospital, the Landseed Hospital Management Program has helped to place my students into prestigious medical schools, and is recognized by the U.S. Congress Woman Linda Sanchez, California Assembly Member Cristina Garcia, and the former Mayor of Cerritos, Laura Lee (who has been our volunteer consultant from the start). This coming year, we plan to launch a new exchange program as part of our course curriculum at the Health Care Administration Department of CSULB (please refer to the Department Chair, Dr. Erlyana's recommendation forthcoming in a separate mail). We are determined to provide our students formal global healthcare training opportunities in Taiwan. We aim to expand our efforts to offer these new global healthcare opportunities to students attending the other 23 CSU campuses as well.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

I would like to emphasize that the communal efforts we make for Taoyuan to become more internationalized will help improve the quality of training our students receive in Taiwan, which will in turn elevate the quality of healthcare provided in the United States in the future. Therefore, I would like you to consider that the city of Long Beach and the city of Taoyuan become Sister Cities, so that they can jointly progress in facilitating our CSU students with superior healthcare management experience in Taiwan.

Thank you for your attention and kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Lee-Lin".

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
Long Beach, CA 90853

September 14, 2020

Dear Distinguished Board of Directors for Sister Cities of Long Beach,

I am delighted and extremely honored to provide letter of support the City of Long Beach, California and Taoyuan, Taiwan, Sister City partnership for a long-term and mutually beneficial relationship.

I have developed a health care management study abroad class/ exchange program since 2012. The program is continuing until today, only recently was postponed due to the travel restriction and pandemic. The program is a partnership with China Medical University in Taichung, Taiwan. In this program, we invited distinguished professor and high-ranking officials including Prof. Yang Chih-Liang, former minister of health and founding father of Taiwanese National Health Insurance (NHI) to speak to our students. In addition, we also visited hospitals, the NHI bureaus, and many cultural sightseeing around Taichung and Taipei.

As mentioned in Dr. Lee' letter, we would like deepen our relationship with Taiwan and expand the health care management exchange program to include Landseed International Hospital in Taoyuan. We believe that students will get tremendous learning benefits from strategic location of the City of Taoyuan and the excellence reputation and quality healthcare delivery services provided at Landseed International Hospital. My students have gained excellent experiences and we would like to continue strengthen and expand these new global healthcare opportunities to students attending the other 23 CSU campuses.

In closing, I would give my highest recommendation and support for the Sister City partnership between the City of Long Beach and the City of Taoyuan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Chair
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California State University Long Beach
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Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
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July 22, 2020

Dear Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.:

I am writing this letter in support of the formation of a sister city relationship between Long Beach and Taoyuan City.

As a member of the board on the Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, my fellow community members are familiar with both cities of Long Beach and Taoyuan and we strongly believe establishing sister city relationship between these two remarkable cities will enable and enhance various interactions and bonds in the area of culture, technology, education, business and human relationship that are essential and core values to the American and Taiwanese people alike.

Taoyuan City is the gateway to the country of Taiwan with its international airport located in its district. Taoyuan city, along with the people of Taiwan, have also been spotlighted in recent news to have successfully managed the current Covid-19 pandemic with its active flow control of international travelers. Taiwan is praised worldwide for maintaining a low level of cases with only single digit deaths, even though it is geographically next to China, where Covid-19 is known to have started.

I, along with my fellow Taiwanese American community members in Southern California, have deemed it important to voice our support for Long Beach to embark on establishing relationship with Taoyuan to enable sharing and interaction among the people in these two worldly cities. We believe the people in these two municipalities can work in harmony to achieve greater things and will mutually benefit from sharing of resources, knowledge, compassion, and human ingenuity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Chen".

Paul Chen
Chairman of the Board
Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles

Long Beach-Taoyuan Sister City

Dear Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.

This letter is to serve as a letter of recommendation from CSULB Taiwanese Student Association supporting the formation of a sister city relationship between Long Beach and Taoyuan Taiwan.

There are currently over 30 members in our Taiwanese Student Association at CSULB with many members also coming directly from Taoyuan. The CSULB TSA was formed so that new students coming directly from Taiwan can have a familiar and comforting environment while learning how to navigate a brand-new country. We have an active association that hosts and participates in activities every month which includes undergraduate, graduate and alumni students to CSULB.

We are proud of our Taiwanese heritage and many of us are happy to call Long Beach our home. We are excited to get to know the Taoyuan-Long Beach formation committee as we share many of the same goals. This connection between the youth group and the older generation serves as a bridge to strengthen the Taiwanese community abroad.

To establish a sister city relationship would be a positive benefit to our youth community. We are constantly seeking new avenues to connect with our community and we feel that an official sister city relationship between Taoyuan and Long Beach is very appropriate.

Thank you

Kevin Hsu

Kevin Hsu
CSULB TSA President



桃園市政府
Taoyuan City Government

September 9, 2020
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In terms of culture, Taoyuan City and Long Beach City share many similarities in terms of Hakka culture. In 2019, Taoyuan City participated the 23rd annual Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival, and showed Taoyuan's spirit; Taoyuan also attended Long Beach Hakka cuisine event, to promote Taoyuan Hakka food and traditional culture.

The connections and similarities held by the two cities are unmistakable. Taoyuan bears the distinction of being the logistic hub of Taiwan, while the Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest container port in the United States. The formal association bestowed by Sister City status is simply natural, and we look forward to seeing the scale of interaction between the two become more enhanced because of it.

In order to further the possibilities of enhanced investment through joint projects, I hereby recommends Taoyuan City and Long Beach City further extend their hands in friendship by signing the Sister City Agreement, creating a mutually beneficial situation for both locals and the companies who drive bustling economies through them.

Sincerely,

Cheng Wen-tsan
Mayor of Taoyuan

Cheng Wentsan



September 07, 2020
Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
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Long Beach, CA 90853

Dear Distinguished Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.,


It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation that the cities of Taoyuan and Long Beach, California embrace the unity afforded by formal distinction as Sister Cities.

Both Taoyuan City and Long Beach City have devoted to promoting international relations. Taoyuan has dedicated to bonding sister cities since 1980, and now the number of sister cities reaches to 30 around the globe. Taoyuan also actively joined several international organizations, such as Sister Cities International (SCI) and CityNet. The Sister City Committee of Long Beach also develops effective beneficial cooperation with 5 sister cities and 3 friendship cities with its affiliation with SCI.

The connections and similarities held by the two cities are unmistakable. Taoyuan bears the distinction of being the logistic hub of Taiwan, while the Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest container port in the United States. In addition, through its partnership within the OCEAN Alliance, Evergreen Marine Corporation, headquartered in Taoyuan, participates in the movement of significant cargo volumes through Long Beach. The formal association bestowed by Sister City status is simply natural, and we look forward to seeing the scale of interaction between the two become more enhanced because of it.

In order to further the possibilities of enhanced investment through joint projects, Eva Airways Corporation hereby recommends Taoyuan City and Long Beach City further extend their hands in friendship by signing the Sister City Agreement, creating a mutually beneficial situation for both locals and the companies who drive bustling economies through them.

Sincerely,


Steve Lin
Chairman



September 9, 2020
Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
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The connections and similarities held by the two cities are unmistakable. Taoyuan bears the distinction of being the logistic hub of Taiwan, while the Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest container port in the United States. In addition, Ta Chen International, the leading master distributor of stainless and aluminum products in the U.S., headquartered in Taiwan, also has subsidiaries in Taoyuan and Long Beach. Moreover, Brighton-Best International, the leading fastener master distributor owned by Ta Chen International, has the headquarter located in Long Beach as well. The formal association bestowed by Sister City status is simply natural, and we look forward to seeing the scale of interaction between the two become more enhanced because of it.

In order to further the possibilities of enhanced investment through joint projects, Ta Chen International hereby recommends Taoyuan City and Long Beach City further extend their hands in friendship by signing the Sister City Agreement, creating a mutually beneficial situation for both locals and the companies who drive bustling economies through them.

Sincerely,

Robert Shieh
Founder
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October 2, 2020

Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.
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Dear Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.:

As the head of Taiwan's mission in the Southwestern United States, it is my honor and privilege to recommend Taoyuan City to form a sister city partnership with the City of Long Beach.

Taoyuan City enjoys the advantages of its location in East Asia. She is not only the gateway to Taiwan, but is also the hub of air transportation in the Asia-Pacific. Taoyuan City borders Taipei, the political and economic center of Taiwan, and Hsinchu Science Park, a world's significant center of semiconductor manufacturing, making Taoyuan a city with the fastest population growth and the largest increase in foreign investment in Taiwan.

Although Taoyuan and Long Beach are far apart, their industries are highly complementary, and their destinies are shared. One of Toyota's assembly plants is located in Taoyuan, and the Port of Long Beach is significant for Toyota's imports into the United States. Facing the threat of COVID-19, alike Virgin Orbit produces ventilators in Long Beach, many companies in Taoyuan have invested in the manufacture of medical equipment to help save lives. In May, Taoyuan City also donated personal protective equipment to the City of Long Beach to fight COVID-19 together.

Taoyuan is the largest industrial and technological city in Taiwan, with an annual output value of approximately US\$100 billion. Over one-third of Taiwan's top 500 companies have their branch in Taoyuan. Taoyuan's revenue also ranks first in the country in industries such as electrical equipment, auto parts, pharmaceuticals and medical chemicals, and industrial machinery.

Last year, Taoyuan won the "Intelligent Community of the Year" awarded by the Intelligent Community Forum for its application of technology in the city. The Taiwan government also elected Taoyuan to be the key city of

the “Asia Silicon Valley Development Plan,” which seeks cooperation between technology industries from the international market.

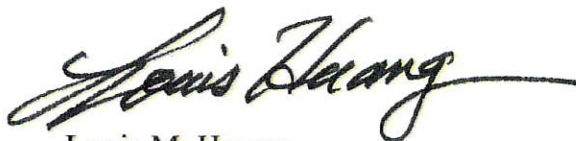
Taoyuan and Long Beach both play an important role in the aerospace industry. Virgin Orbit, Rocket Lab, Google-backed Spin Launch, and other manufacturers, are headquartered in the City of Long Beach. Meanwhile, the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science & Technology (similar to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in the U.S.) and Taiwan’s two major civil aviation operators, China Airlines and EVA Air, are all headquartered in Taoyuan. This year, Taoyuan-based National Central University established the first department of space science in Taiwan for the coming 6G era of satellite communication.

Since 2019, Taoyuan has followed the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to build a green city with a low-carbon concept. Taoyuan balances its economic development and environmental protection, as seen in the Voluntary Local Review released in the 2019 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We hope the City of Long Beach and Taoyuan City can work together to jointly promote sustainable development.

Both Long Beach and Taoyuan also share their love for sports, and last year, the Taoyuan team participated in the Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival. Since water polo, triathlons, and many competitions will be held in Long Beach for the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics, we would like to see friends from Taoyuan to visit Long Beach in 2028.

A sister city partnership between Taoyuan City and the City of Long Beach can be mutually beneficial through the sharing of resources, knowledge, compassion, and human ingenuity. We believe that the people in these two municipalities can work in harmony and strengthen their vision of prosperity to achieve higher levels. Thank you for your attention and kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louis M. Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Louis M. Huang
Director General



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September 15, 2020

Sister Cities of Long Beach Inc.
P. O. Box 41492
Long Beach, CA 90853

Dear Distinguished Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation that the cities of Taoyuan and Long Beach, California embrace the unity afforded by formal distinction as Sister Cities.

On March 1, 2019, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by Taoyuan and Long Beach built the foundation for the two cities to broaden their relationship, a significant step toward deepening the mutual benefit of an alliance. It is now time for the next steps to be taken to build an enduring trans-Pacific commitment.

The connections and similarities held by the two cities are unmistakable. Taoyuan bears the distinction of being the logistic hub of Taiwan, while the Port of Long Beach is the second-busiest container port in the United States. In addition, through its partnership within the OCEAN Alliance, Evergreen Marine Corporation, headquartered in Taoyuan, participates in the movement of significant cargo volumes through Long Beach. The formal association bestowed by Sister City status is simply natural, and we look forward to seeing the scale of interaction between the two become more enhanced because of it.

In order to further the possibilities of enhanced investment through joint projects, Evergreen Shipping Agency (America) Corporation hereby recommends Taoyuan City and Long Beach City further extend their hands in friendship by signing the Sister City Agreement, creating a mutually beneficial situation for both locals and the companies who drive bustling economies through them.

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Sincerely,

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December 28, 2020

Robert Garcia, Mayor
City of Long Beach, CA

Dear Mayor Garcia:

This correspondence serves to report that on December 10, 2020, Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. unanimously approved the application of Taoyuan, Taiwan to establish a formal Sister City relationship with the City of Long Beach. Accordingly, we seek City Council approval of Taoyuan as our newest Sister City. A copy of the complete application for Sister City status is attached, as well as a draft of a City Council Letter.

We request that this matter be scheduled on a City Council Agenda at your convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Venable, President

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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 19, 2022
To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of July 19, 2022

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Request that the City Council approve the application of Taoyuan City, Taiwan as the City's newest Sister City, and authorize the Mayor of Long Beach to take necessary actions and execute any and all documents to accomplish the establishment of such a relationship.

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Austin	
3	Price	
4	Supernaw	

Attachment: Staff Report dated July 19, 2022