

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH THE SHENZHEN, CHINA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE SHENZHEN, CHINA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT THAT WILL IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS OF COLLABORATION FOR THE SISTER CITY AFFILIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the national Sister Cities program was established in 1956 and links U.S. cities with communities globally to foster citizen diplomacy and mutual understanding and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San José (“City”) currently has Sister City relationships with Okayama, Japan; San José, Costa Rica; Veracruz, Mexico; Tainan, Taiwan; Dublin, Ireland; Pune, India; Ekaterinburg, Russia and Guadalajara, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the City shares strong economic and cultural ties with Shenzhen, China Municipal Government, China’s third largest city and economy driven by technology, manufacturing, finance and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, a sister city affiliation with Shenzhen has the potential to broaden opportunities in the City to increase trade and investment linkages with the Shenzhen region and China, and this will also open avenues to create collaboration with Shenzhen in the arts, higher education and other initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, trade and investment linkages with China are important to the City’s economy, as inward investment from China continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish a Sister City affiliation with Shenzhen, China, with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of San José and Shenzhen, China;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

- A. An invitation is hereby extended to the government and the people of Shenzhen, China Municipal Government to participate with San José as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations; and
- B. The City will work with the San José-Shenzhen Sister City Committee to carry out the Sister City program; and
- C. Copies of this Resolution are to be sent to Shenzhen, China Municipal Government, the Embassy of China, and Sister Cities International; and
- D. The Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a Sister City Agreement with the China Municipal Government of Shenzhen.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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MATT MAHAN  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk