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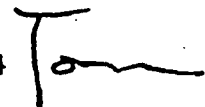
TO:

Mayor and City Council

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

FROM:

Tom Chinn, Councilman, District 4



SUBJECT:

Resolution Endorsing A Sister City  
Affiliation  
between City of Sacramento and City of  
Jinan,  
People's Republic of China

I am attaching a proposed Resolution scheduled for the October 16th Agenda which endorses the affiliation of the City of Sacramento and the City of Jinan, People's Republic of China as Sister Cities. I am sending this to you in advance because I would like you to consider a unanimous vote on this Resolution on the Consent Calendar if possible.

I would like to give you some background about Sister Cities in general, and Jinan, in particular.

Sister-City relationships are generally intended to promote cultural and artistic exchanges. It should also bring increasing trade between the two regions through a structure that will provide continuing contact between business leaders. It would also serve as liaison which would minimize red-tape for trade and travel.

A Jinan-Sacramento Sister City Committee has been formed. After some exploration, Jinan was selected by the Committee because of the similarities between Sacramento and Jinan. Jinan is the capital of Shandong Province which lies north of Shanghai; is agriculture in nature, but just on the brink of development; has a river running through the city; is a highly cultured university town; a center of transportation and communication; is adjacent to Chufu, the birth place of Confucius; its people are helpful and friendly, and therefore reminds one of Sacramentans. A fact sheet and map is attached.

Informal discussions have been held with the people and officials in Jinan and with the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco. In fact, the officials of Jinan approached us on the possibility of establishing a Sister-City relationship with Sacramento before the Committee was formed.

We have reason to believe that Jinan will accept the honor of being designated as the Sister City of Sacramento, if

tendered. Informal discussions have also been held with the Sister Cities International Association and they also sanction the proposal.

A Sister City relationship is formed through the recommendation of a citizens committee such like ours. This insures that there is sufficient community support, both morally and fiscally, since no public funds will be involved.

The second step is the formal endorsement by the Mayor and City Council through a Resolution similar to the one attached.

The final step would be through the official signing of the Sister City agreement by the Mayors of both cities.

All the above steps were taken in the establishment of a Sister City relationship between the City of Matsuyama, Japan, and the City of Sacramento in 1981. That relationship continues to be strong and growing each year, with benefits to both cities. We anticipate that the Jinan-Sacramento relationship will be equally strong and exciting.

Sister Cities have been established between cities in the United States and cities of the People's Republic of China as follows:

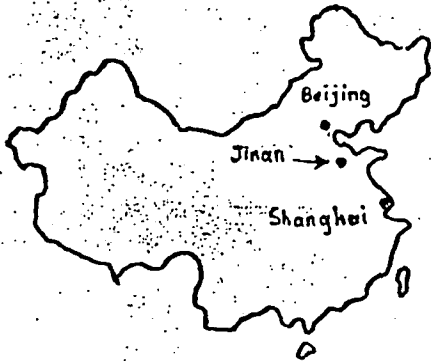
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Oakland	-	Dalian
New York	-	Beijing
Philadelphia	-	Tianjin
St. Louis	-	Nanjing
Boston	-	Hangzhou
Pittsburg	-	Wuhan
Chatanooga	-	Wuxi
Seattle	-	Chongqing

The establishment of a Sister City with a City in the People's Republic of China would not be politically sensitive since the United States has recognized the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China.

This relationship will be good for the people and businesses of Sacramento, and I respectfully ask for your approval. The agenda will be published on October 11th. Please call me if you have any questions.

cc: Walter Slipe, City Manager  
Lorraine Magana, City Clerk

JINAN



**Identity:** Capital of Shandong Province, Peoples Republic of China. This "City of Springs" has history of 2600 years.

**Location:** Rests on the south shore of the Yellow River approximately 200 km from its mouth on Bohhai Gulf. Beijing is 500 km to the north and Shanghai is 950 km to the southwest.

**Climate:** hot and dry in summer

**Communication:** major railway center, river shipping access, airline terminal

**Population:** 1,200,000

**Industries:** machine tools, precision instruments, chemicals, textiles, other light industries

**Nearby Natural Resources:** oil, coal, gold(no. 1 output in nation)

**Agriculture:** cotton, peanuts, fruit

**Education:** Shandong University, Shandong Medical School, Shandong Teacher's Training College, Shandong Polytechnic Institute, College of Traditional Chinese Medicine

**Geographic and**

**Historical Interests:** Luo Yuan Hall and Daming Lake within the city. Thousand Buddha Mountain; Lingyan Temple and Pagoda; Mt. Tai and Qufu, home of Confucius, to the south

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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

## RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH JINAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**WHEREAS** it is recognized that the friendship and understanding between individuals and local organizations of Sister Cities bring benefits that are enduring and mutually rewarding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sacramento long has benefited from the contributions of thousands of persons of Chinese ancestry, exemplifying the highest type of good citizenship in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento is the capital city of California, and Jinan is the capital city of Shandong Province, with similarities in agricultural, governmental, educational, and business interests; and,

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Sacramento and the people of the City of Jinan have expressed interest in learning more about each other; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Jinan-Sacramento Sister City relationship is to cause the people of the City of Sacramento and the people of Jinan to acquire a consciousness of each other, to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, as citizens of their country and as part of the family of nations; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and members of the Council of the City of Sacramento, that the Sacramento City Council gives its warm endorsement to the affiliation of the City of Sacramento and the City of Jinan, People's Republic of China, as Sister Cities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of the City of Jinan; to the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco; and to Sister Cities International, of the Town Affiliation Association of the U. S., Inc., West Coast Office, Suite 920, 548 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, 90013.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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OCT 16 1984

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RESOLUTION NO. 84 -

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