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***Sister Cities International* Board of Directors approves Barbara Sanchez as Washington State Coordinator**

WASHINGTON, DC – *Sister Cities International* Board of Directors approved Ms. Barbara Sanchez of Bellingham as State Coordinator for Washington. Ms. Sanchez brings forth passion and a keen understanding of the organizations mission. In her new role, Ms. Sanchez she will strive to ensure that sister city relationships benefit the community as a whole.

Ms. Sanchez has served on the Board of the Bellingham Sister Cities Association since 2006 and has held position of membership chair and of president. Since becoming the president, Ms. Sanchez has worked successfully to revitalize the organization.

Ms. Sanchez is the founder of Sisu Children's Fund, a charity for children with medical problems. She is very well traveled and continues to visit Bellingham's various sister cities.

State Coordinators are dedicated and experienced sister cities program volunteers. They serve as a resource at the local level to provide professional assistance and help, with support provided by *Sister Cities International*, to member communities in their state; and assist communities wishing to maintain or establish a sister city.

About *Sister Cities International*

Sister Cities International facilitates nearly 2,000 partnerships in 136 countries on six continents between 600 communities in the United States with similar municipalities abroad. *Sister Cities International* represents citizen diplomats who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and cultural understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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