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## Sister Cities International Board of Directors appoints Georgiana McLeod as California Honorary State Coordinator

WASHINGTON, DC -- *Sister Cities International* Board of Directors appointed Ms. Georgiana McLeod of Huntington Beach as the first Honorary State Coordinator for California. Ms. McLeod brings forth extensive experience with sister city programs especially in strategic planning and governance.

Ms. McLeod is a *Sister Cities International* veteran having been associated with the organization for 3 decades now. She was on the Board of the Newport Beach Sister City Association and served as vice president and president. In 2000, she was appointed as the State Coordinator for California where she assisted local communities to strengthen and establish sister city relationships. She was elected to *Sister Cities International's* Board of Directors in 2002 and served a 3 year term.

During her association with the network, she has traveled to a number of countries to help establish sister city relationships. She was also invited by the mayors of Cebu, Philippines; and Yosu City, South Korea to visit them and discuss sister city programs.

*Sister Cities International* is grateful for her hard work over the past 3 decades and looks forward to her continued involvement in sharing institutional knowledge.

## 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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