

# Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New  Renewal

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Languages :</b>	<b>speak</b>	<b>read</b>	<b>write</b>
_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
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I/we would host a visiting family [ ] yes

**Annual Dues are payable yearly  
on or before July 1st.**

Memberships	Annual	Lifetime
[ ] Individual	\$ 35	\$100
[ ] Family	\$ 50	\$150
[ ] Business	\$125	Name: _____
[ ] Student	\$ 20	Name: _____ Grade: _____

Mail to:

**Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1072  
Culver City, CA 90232-1072  
www.culvercity.org**

# The Sister City Story

The **Sister City concept** started in 1956, some years after the end of the Second World War, during the Eisenhower presidential administration. A worldwide network of sister city relations was established to help rebuild nation to nation relationships and foster global harmony. Efforts were made to create “citizen diplomats” by opening communication between peoples of the world. Out of this effort came the Sister Cities International organization.



**On December 10, 1962**, the City Council established the Culver City Sister City Committee (CCSCC) for the cultural betterment of the City and its people. Currently the group is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt non profit organization; ID# 26-1845904.

The **Culver City Sister City Committee** acts to facilitate and maintain relationships between Culver City and our foreign sister cities. Our goal is to develop and maintain long-term community based programs that foster international and intercultural understanding. This is achieved through cultural, educational and commercial exchanges of people, ideas and materials both within and between the Culver City community and our sister cities.

## Committee Activities

With a **City Council mandate** to share Culver City with the world and the spirit of bringing the world to Culver City, the Culver City Sister City Committee engages our citizens in a number of creative and charitable activities that benefit both the sister city and our Culver City community:

- Home stay - culture, music & sports exchanges for adults as well as middle and high school students
- Cultural art and music exchanges
- Ecology exchanges
- Charitable support
- International dignitary recognitions
- Civic awareness development
- Donations to select orphanages

## OUR SISTER CITIES

**CANADA— Lethbridge** (1989) A city located on the Oldman River near the Rocky Mountains in Southern Alberta. It is in an area rich with the history of the Blackfoot Indians, explorers, trappers, farmers, Mounties, mining and immigration from Europe and Asia. Incorporated in 1882, it



remains a land of open spaces and blue skies while continuing to be the distribution, marketing and service center for much of Southern Alberta. It boasts the longest and highest trussed bridge in the world, fine art galleries, historic sites and numerous education and recreation facilities..

**JAPAN— Kaizuka** (1965) Located 25 miles south of



Osaka, it balances both farming of special vegetables (butterburs/mizunasu egg-plant), textile and wire cable manufacturing. Established in 1889, the city is currently known for their volleyball teams, annual marathons, bonsai junipers, historic wooden kokeshi dolls and architectural achievements. A commercial port and industrial center, Kaizuka is near Megafloat, the world’s largest floating airport.

**SOUTH KOREA— Iksan City** (1983) Situated in the Jeonlabug-Do Province, in the East Central part of South Korea, it has the distinction of dating its history to 500 AD. Today it is a modern industrial city and home to numerous factories producing textiles, gems, jewelry, metal, electrical products and machinery. It is also home to many agricultural, fishing, construction and transportation industries. The surrounding countryside is lush with farms having rice as the prevalent crop. Iksan City is the core of the southwestern part of South Korea. It has abundant cultural assets as an ancient capital of Mahan State and the Baekje Kingdom.



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**MEXICO— Uruapan** (1964) Founded in 1533 by the same order of Franciscan Fathers that later founded the California missions, Uruapan was Culver City’s first sister city. A mile above sea level, this “city on the plains” is surrounded by pines but is still semitropical. Loosely translated, “Uruapan” means “where the flowers grow”. It is the cultural and spiritual center of the Tarascan Indians. It is known for its active volcano, lacquer-work pottery, woodwork, embroidery and waterfall filled national park.



**Culver City** is known as “the Heart of Screenland” having housed many studios over the years including MGM Studios and currently Sony Pictures Entertainment and Culver Studios. Movies such as *Gone with the Wind*, *King Kong* and the famous *Wizard of OZ* were filmed here. The historic Culver Hotel, recently renovated, was home to the Munchkins during the filming of that classic movie and is a city landmark.

Today, Culver City is known for its excellent schools, newly vitalized downtown with upscale restaurants, theaters, and numerous art galleries throughout the east Washington corridor. A five-member elected City Council governs the city and a five-member Board of Education governs the public schools. Adjacent to our city is West Los Angeles College, a two-year community college, preparing students for career and academic university transfers, internationally as well!

The CCSCC is a proud member of

Culver City Chamber of Commerce

Sister Cities International, Inc.



US/Mexico Sister Cities Association

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Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Tele# or email: \_\_\_\_\_