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**49TH ANNUAL UNITED STATES/MÉXICO
SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

March 2-4, 2012

Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc.
proudly hosts this exciting convention.



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Hosted by Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc and the
City of Culver City
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**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AT THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION?
A Complete Youth Strand of Programs**

Youth topics may include;

- Starting your own Youth Ambassador Club on your own campus and why you would want to consider doing so.
- Why is it important to have relationships between the U.S. and Mexico? Participate in a group brainstorming session on the benefits of international relations. Participants will produce a Position Statement and the end of the session, which will be included in the convention summary.
- Why participating in people to people organizations is so valuable and what you should be getting out of those organizations

Youth participation in the convention is predicated on being in a family with a current paid membership in your local Sister City, or other similarly named organization that is part of Sister City International. A higher rate is assessed for non-members.

If there are fewer than six (6) youth registrations, youth attendees will participate in all general sessions and the Youth Strand will not be offered.

All convention participants will attend the general opening session at City Hall. There will be three 45 minute break-out sessions for the Youth Strand and those sessions will be located at the Culver Hotel.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES - pre-registration and payment required

Friday March 2, 2012

☐ **2:45 - 5:15pm \$23.00** Sony Pictures Studios Walking Tour - Located on one of the world's most famous studio lots, our walking tour gives you a rare glimpse of old Hollywood's glory days and an insider's view of a state-of-the-art motion picture studio. Reservations are first come first served basis to the **first 20** English & 20 Spanish speaking convention attendees that sign up (2 groups of 20 each). Tour begins at 3PM. Join the Sony Pictures Studios Tour and step back into a legendary time. Additional instructions will be sent prior to your arrival in Culver City.

POST CONVENTION ACTIVITY

Sunday March 4, 2012

Mid-AM - early PM (approx. 4 hours) Getty Museum Guided Tour \$30.00

Reservations limited to the first 20 English and first 20 Spanish speaking convention attendees that sign up, 2 groups of 20 each. Additional details provided to those that sign-up prior to arrival.



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 FRIDAY MARCH 2- SUNDAY MARCH 4, 2012



CONVENTION HOST HOTEL: THE HISTORIC CULVER HOTEL

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<p>POST CONVENTION ACTIVITY Sunday 3/4/12 Time: TBD <u>Getty Museum Guided Tour</u> \$30.00 incl. transportation Reservations limited to the first 20 English and first 20 Spanish speaking convention attendees that sign up, 2 groups of 20 each. Additional details provided to those that sign-up prior to arrival.</p>

**✂ CURRENT DRAFT CONVENTION SCHEDULE ✂
 AS IT APPLIES TO YOUTH PARTICIPANTS**

Friday 3/2/12		
3:00 - 6:00pm	Delegate registration	Culver Hotel Private Dining Room
5:30 - 8:00pm	Non-hosted Reception & Town Plaza Entertainment	Culver Hotel & Culver Plaza
Saturday 3/3/12		
7:00 - 8:45am	Continental breakfast at hotel for registered guests staying at the Culver Hotel	Culver Hotel Private Dining Room
8:00 - 12:00 pm	Delegate registration	City Hall
8:00 - 4:00pm	Exhibitors	City Hall Fountain & Courtyard
9:00-12:00pm	<p>GENERAL OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Flag Ceremony by BSA Troop #113 National Anthems sung by Culver City High School Audio Visual Performing Arts students</p> <p>Welcome: USMSCA President George Barks Comments: Barbara Honig, Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc. President Welcome: Micheál O'Leary, Mayor of Culver City Introductions of Mayors and V.I.P.'s President Barks USMSCA Business Session Keynote Speaker: Sr. David Figueroa Ortega, Los Angeles Mexican Consul General Keynote Address: TBA</p>	City Hall Council Chambers

12:15-1:45 pm	Table Talks for lunch Four lunch locations with speakers.	Locations revealed at on-site at registration
2:00-2:50pm	Youth Panel - " <i>Exploring International Exchange & Study Abroad Opportunities</i> " Why are they so valuable and what you should be getting out of them?	Culver Hotel
2:55 – 3:40 pm	Youth Panel – "Starting your own Youth Ambassador Club" Come obtain the skills needed to start a club in your Sister Cities and High School organizations.	Culver Hotel
3:50 - 4:40pm	Youth Session - " <i>Why is it important to have relationships with Mexico?</i> " Participate in a group brainstorming session on the benefits of international relationships with Mexico. The group will produce a Position Statement at the end of the session which will be included in the convention summary. Speaker: María Rosa García-Acevedo, PhD. California State University Northridge, Political Science Department. Session Leader - Donna Thayer - Youth Director CCSCC	Culver Hotel
4:50-5:30 pm	Convention attendees enjoy downtown Culver City	
6:00	Transportation to dinner location provided	
6:15- 10:00 pm	Gala Dinner, Entertaining Dinner Speaker, Scholarships and City Awards. Introduction of new Executive Board	Courtyard by Marriott
Sunday 3/4/12		
7:00-9:00 am	Breakfast at hotel for registered guests staying at the Culver Hotel	Culver Hotel Private Dining Room
9:00-10:00 am	Wrap-up Forum	Harry Culver Office @ the Culver Hotel
Mid am - early pm	Post convention activity for pre-registered attendees. Getty Museum Tour & transportation	

This is the advanced notice of the March convention. Additional workshops and speakers will be posted prior to the convention.

The Convention Committee reserves the right to revise, alter and present alternative programs due to unforeseen circumstances.

Some convention activities require walking between venues. Transportation between venues will be arranged for those requiring assistance.

Youth Participants are expected to participate in the organized program on Saturday, March 3, 2012. The Convention Committee will not assume responsibility for attendance or participation by enrolled youth.

If youth participants have paperwork that requires a signature, Donna Thayer, the CCSCC Youth Director will be the signatory on behalf of the convention.



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Applicant's registration information

Name:		
Email Address:		
Daytime Phone:	Fax:	
Address:		
City	State	Zip
I/my family is a member of the (Name of Sister City Organization):		

**YOUTH CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES
based on Membership/Non-membership in a Sister City Organization**

Youth Member fee		<u>AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 2012</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	\$100.00
Non-member registration Fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	\$150.00

Fee includes lunch and dinner, snacks and convention materials. No discounts after 2/20/12			

Out of town participants may make hotel reservations and use the code **CCSCC** for room discount at either the Culver Hotel 9400 Culver Blvd Culver City, CA 90232-2617 (310) 558-9400 \$169.00+ or **USA/Mexico Convention** for the Culver City Marriott 6333 Bristol Parkway Culver City, CA 90230 (800) 736-0698. \$105.+ a night. HOTEL RATES INCREASE ON 2/2/12

PAYMENT METHODS

Your registration will not be considered confirmed until full payment has been received. Check payments must be made and mailed to the convention hosts, CCSCC • P.O. Box 1072, Culver City, CA 90232-1072.

Checks must be made in U.S. funds, drawn on U.S. bank account, or pay by Credit Card

MasterCard Visa AmEx _____ Exp. Date _____ Code (CVV) _____

You may also pay upon arrival at the higher registration fee amount.

Check number: _____ I wish to pay upon arrival

For questions regarding this convention contact
Marla Wolkowitz, Local Convention Chairperson at mrswoolkowitz@gmail.com

Mail payment and completed application to the care of the: **Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc. Attn: U.S./Mexico Convention P.O. Box 1072, Culver City**