

1 [Urging to Establish a Sister City Relationship With a City in Latin America]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a Sister City**  
4 **Relationship with a city in Latin America.**

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6 WHEREAS, Mexico stands as the foremost trading partner to the U.S. as of early 2023,  
7 with bilateral trade totaling \$263 billion in the first four months of the year, representing over  
8 15 percent of total U.S. trade, per the Department of Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, U.S. exports to Mexico reached \$362.5 billion in 2022, comprising 13  
10 percent of total U.S. exports and 43 percent of Mexican imports, thereby supporting an  
11 estimated 1.1 million jobs in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, Mexico constitutes the primary country of origin for tourist visitors to San  
13 Francisco, and the hospitality and tourism sector is paramount to San Francisco's economy,  
14 with a significant Latin American workforce; and

15 WHEREAS, Mexico recently celebrated the election of its first female president, a  
16 distinguished climate scientist, mother, and granddaughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors,  
17 underscoring the importance of diverse leadership and breaking barriers for women  
18 worldwide; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite San Francisco's sister city relationships with 27 cities globally,  
20 none are situated in Latin America or the Caribbean, regions that share deep cultural,  
21 economic, and social connections with San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, 40% of California's population identifies as Latinx, enriching the state's  
23 diverse cultural identity; and

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1           WHEREAS, A Sister City relationship with a city in Latin America would promote  
2 cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and mutual understanding between San Francisco  
3 and Latin American communities; and

4           WHEREAS, Establishing a Sister City relationship would create opportunities for  
5 educational initiatives, people-to-people connections, and joint projects in areas such as  
6 sustainability, urban development, and social justice; and

7           WHEREAS, Such a relationship would strengthen ties between San Francisco and  
8 Latin America, fostering goodwill, cooperation, and solidarity between the two regions; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its commitment to  
11 strengthening ties with Mexico and Latin America through the establishment of a Sister City  
12 relationship with a city in Latin America, recognizing the significance of nurturing robust  
13 relationships with the City’s southern neighbors; and, be it,

14          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco pledges to  
15 champion diversity, inclusion, and gender equality in all interactions with Mexico and Latin  
16 America, ensuring that the perspectives of women, immigrants, and marginalized  
17 communities are acknowledged and valued in our partnerships and endeavors; and, be it,

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and relevant city  
19 officials shall explore avenues for establishing a Sister City relationship with a city in Latin  
20 America, including conducting research, engaging stakeholders, and initiating discussions  
21 with potential sister cities.