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CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY  
MAYOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 90-1**

**CHICAGO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was established in 1956 to further global understanding by encouraging and assisting United States communities and their citizens to link with similar communities throughout the world by engaging in exchanges of people, ideas, and culture on a long term and continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International has linked over 900 U.S. cities representing over 100 million Americans with 1,300 communities in 91 other nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, Chicago has established relationships with the following eight Sister Cities: Warsaw, Poland (1960); Osaka, Japan (1973); Milan, Italy (1973); Casablanca, Morocco (1982); Shenyang, China (1985); Shanghai, China (1985); Gothenburg, Sweden (1987); Accra, Ghana (1989); and

WHEREAS, Chicago's Sister City relationships will enhance international cooperation and understanding through community involvement and people-to-people relationships; and

WHEREAS, increased international trade and economic development, and cultural and educational opportunities will be generated by the Sister Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, an active and vigorous Sister Cities Committee can best be realized through a coordinated citywide program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, Mayor of the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois do hereby declare and order as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Chicago Sister Cities International Program. The purpose of the Program shall be to develop and to coordinate a comprehensive and active Sister Cities Program for the benefit of the City of Chicago, its residents, and its businesses.

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SECTION 2. The governing body of the Sister Cities Program for the City of Chicago shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of individuals appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago including the chairperson of each sister city subcommittee, all of whom shall be selected based on their specific relationships to the community and their specific interest and knowledge in at least one of the following: Chicago hospitality community, world trade and international banking, world health concerns, culture and arts, education and youth, international relations, architecture and design, or recreation.

The Mayor shall appoint one member as Chair of the Board of Directors, and may appoint as many as seven members as Vice Chairs. The Mayor shall serve as Honorary Chair of the Sister Cities Committee Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. The Mayor will appoint a chairperson for each subcommittee to be established for each existing Sister City and for each subcommittee to be established for each new Sister City relationship, such chairpersons to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Each such subcommittee shall consist of the Chair and interested citizen volunteers appointed with the advice and consent of the Mayor. As new Sister Cities are adopted and Chairs are appointed, Board membership will increase accordingly.

SECTION 4. The Chicago Sister Cities Program will be managed under the auspices of the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs. An Advisory Committee headed by the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs will be established as a resource for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and will include the City of Chicago's Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Director of Special Events.

SECTION 5. The Board shall have the following powers under this provision:

(a) to develop and recommend policy for the operation of the Chicago Sister Cities Program;

(b) to serve as the coordinating body for the existing Sister City relationships and the future development of their programs;

(c) to initiate promotion and fund-raising for the Sister Cities Program as appropriate;

(d) to process the recommendations and implementation of future Sister Cities for Chicago, both nationally and internationally;

(1) to research and recommend to the Mayor, on a

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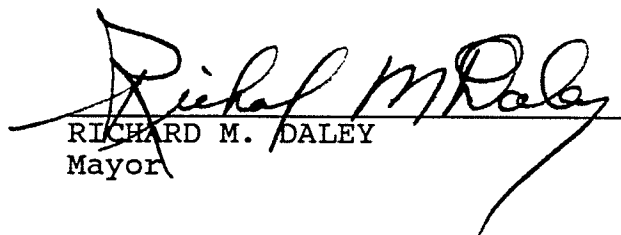
priority basis, future Sister Cities for Chicago;  
(2) to undertake negotiations for any future Sister Cities so designated by the Mayor;  
(3) to develop a Citizens Committee with the advice and consent of the Mayor, for each new affiliation prior to finalizing the agreement;

(e) to provide information concerning international activities that are related to the goals of the Sister Cities Program;

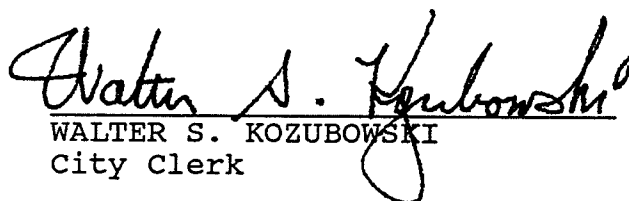
(f) to render an Annual Sister Cities Program Report to the Mayor outlining activities undertaken and detailing the results thereof.

SECTION 6. The Sister Cities Program may accept gifts and may apply for grants from the federal government, the State of Illinois, its agencies or officers, the City of Chicago or from any government, person, firm or corporation of services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds and shall expend any such funds in its efforts to promote the City of Chicago subject to the authority of the City Council of the City of Chicago to manage the financial affairs of the City.

SECTION 7. This Order takes effect upon its signature by the Mayor and receipt and filing with the City Clerk.

  
RICHARD M. DALEY  
Mayor

DATED:  
Received and filed 2-26, 1990

  
WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI  
City Clerk