

AN ORDINANCE **2016-08-11-0598**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER INTO A
SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WINDHOEK,
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.**

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WHEREAS, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and has resulted in San Antonio having two sister cities in Mexico, two in Europe, and five in Asia; and

WHEREAS, as part of a long-term objective to build a stronger link to Africa, San Antonio has hosted numerous delegations since 1990 and on April 21, 2015 Mayor Taylor signed a Friendship City Agreement with the Mayor of Windhoek; and

WHEREAS, execution of a Sister City Agreement supports the desire of the City of Windhoek and San Antonio to strengthen relations, as well as promote economic cooperation and bilateral trade and exchanges in the fields of renewal energy, health services, social affairs, culture, and tourism, **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

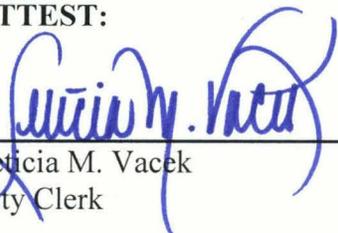
SECTION 1. A Sister City Agreement with Windhoek, Namibia is hereby approved. The Mayor is authorized to sign the Agreement, a copy of which is set out in **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by eight (8) affirmative votes of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August, 2016.

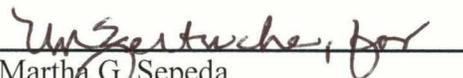

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Martha G. Sepeda
Acting City Attorney

Agenda Item:	13						
Date:	08/11/2016						
Time:	12:38:14 PM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance authorizing the City of San Antonio to enter into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Windhoek, Republic of Namibia. [Carlos J. Contreras, Assistant City Manager, Rene Dominguez, Director, Economic Development]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				x
Alan Warrick	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4	x					
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x			x	
Cris Medina	District 7	x					
Ron Nirenberg	District 8	x					
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

Attachment I



Sister City Agreement
between
San Antonio, Texas, United States of America
and
Windhoek, Republic of Namibia

In accordance with the regulations of Sister Cities International, initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 and in line with the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Namibia of 2004, to encourage greater friendship and understanding between nations through direct personal contact, the City of San Antonio, U.S.A. and the City of Windhoek, Republic of Namibia have reached an agreement concerning the establishment of Sister City Relationship between the two cities through friendly consultations.

Whereas, San Antonio, Texas, as a member in good stead of Sister Cities International and the City of Windhoek as provided for in its international relations policy, share a mutual commitment through an existing Friendship City Agreement; and

Whereas, we agree to support and encourage joint efforts to **promote economic cooperation and bilateral trade, enhance bilateral exchange and cooperation in the fields of Renewable Energy, Resource Management, Health Services and Environmental Management (Biotechnology), Social Affairs (Community Services), Culture, Tourism, Training and Development, among others; and**

Whereas, we agree that the International Relations Office of the City of San Antonio and the International Relations Office of the City of Windhoek will conduct liaison, arrangements and implementation of the Sister City programs on behalf of their respective municipal governments; and

Whereas, in matters that are not mentioned in this Agreement, the two municipal governments will decide upon them through friendly negotiations under the conditions of mutual understanding and friendship; Now therefore,

San Antonio and Windhoek do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities, and declare their intent to abide by the guidelines of Sister Cities International.

The Agreement is signed in two original copies in English, and both copies are equally authentic and will be valid upon the signing by representative of each party.

Ivy R. Taylor
Mayor of San Antonio

Muezee Kazapua
Mayor of Windhoek

October 26, 2016