



Sister City Agreement
between
San Antonio, Texas, United States of America
and
Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany

Building on the Friendship City Agreement signed April 29, 2016 by Jochen Partsch, Lord Mayor of Darmstadt, and Ivy R. Taylor, Mayor of San Antonio, and seeking to further consolidate and develop mutual friendly cooperation and to strengthen the understanding and friendship between the peoples of the two countries, and in line with town twinning practices of Germany and in accordance with the regulations of Sister Cities International, initiated by the President of the United States in 1956, the City of Darmstadt, Germany and the City of San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A. have reached agreement concerning the establishment of Sister City relations between the two cities through the below activities:

1. Both parties agree to further strengthen friendly exchanges and to expand cooperation and promote friendship between the peoples of both cities and carry out various friendly activities.
2. Both parties will make joint efforts to promote economic collaboration and bilateral trade and to enhance bilateral exchange and cooperation in the fields of, but not limited to:
 - Educational, Cultural and Scientific Exchange
 - Information and Communication Technologies/Cybersecurity
 - Aerospace/Aviation
 - Innovative Urban Development
 - Healthcare and Bioscience
 - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
 - Start-ups and Entrepreneurial Development
 - Heritage Tourism and Travel
 - Immigration and Society
 - Online/Digital Journalism
3. It is decided by both parties that the International Relations Office of San Antonio and the Office of Intercultural and International Affairs of Darmstadt will conduct concrete liaisons, arrangements and implementation of the friendly exchange and cooperation programs between the two cities on behalf of its respective municipal government, while including other departments, such as the respective Economic Development Departments, and community partners as appropriate.
4. As for the matters that were not mentioned in the Agreement, the two municipal governments will decide upon them through friendly negotiation under the conditions of mutual understanding and friendship.

This Agreement is an expression of cooperative relations and understanding only. It does not establish a joint venture, partnership or any other business between the Parties nor does it commit or obligate either Party to take any of the actions contemplated by this Agreement. Also, it is not intended to create any legal obligations under domestic or international law between the Parties.

In witness whereof, authorized representatives of the respective parties hereto sign this Agreement in two original copies, duplicated both in English and German, each text being equally authentic.

Ivy R. Taylor
Mayor of San Antonio

October 27, 2017

Jochen Partsch
Lord Mayor of Darmstadt