



**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 10/10/06  
AGENDA ITEM 3  
WORK SESSION ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Establishment of Hayward-Ghazni Sister City Relationship

At its January 17, 2006 worksession, the City Council considered a request put forth by a committee of individuals seeking to establish a sister city relationship between Hayward and Ghazni, Afghanistan. The Council expressed support for the concept, with the understanding that at a later date the Council would be asked to consider an agreement to formalize such a relationship.

The pertinent agreement has been prepared and is presented to the Council for its consideration. As noted in the agreement, the underlying purpose of the sister city relationship is to establish friendship and goodwill between the people of Hayward and Ghazni.

Approval of the attached resolution will authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

  
Jesús Armas  
City Manager

Exhibit

**SISTER CITY AGREEMENT**



**HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA, USA ~ GHAZNI CITY, PROVINCE OF  
GHAZNI, AFGHANISTAN**

In 1956 the President of the United States initiated the Sister Cities program to nurture friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations.

The Residents of Hayward, California, USA, and Ghazni City, Province of Ghazni, Afghanistan, desiring friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, cultural, humanitarian and economic opportunities. Unity between and within the communities of Hayward and Ghazni will be strengthened through personal contact, and through cooperation, trust, tolerance, participation and esteem.

It is in each resident's best interest to understand and value the unique culture, needs, and dreams of the residents of other countries in the world. Our shared goal is peace, prosperity, stability and justice.

Residents of Hayward want to foster enhanced reconstruction opportunities for the residents of Ghazni in these and other regards, while continuing to respect and learn Afghanistan's rich culture and traditions, heritage and national identity.

Residents and educational organizations in both Hayward and Ghazni support this Sister City relationship.

Therefore, Hayward and Ghazni do hereby proclaim themselves to be Sister Cities, and declare their intent in this relationship to abide by Sister Cities International® policies indefinitely. This Agreement is also prepared in the Dari language and signed, and is of equal effect.

This Agreement is effective on the date of the second signature placed herein below:

**Mayor of Hayward**

**Mayor of Ghazni**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Michael Sweeney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Hakim Ghaznival**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk of the City of Hayward**

**Approved as to Form**

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**City Attorney of the City of Hayward**

**DRAFT**

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ATTACHED  
SISTER CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA USA AND GHAZNI CITY,  
PROVINCE OF GHAZNI, AFGHANISTAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Sister City Agreement by and between the City of Hayward, California USA and Ghazni City, Province of Ghazni, Afghanistan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney of the City of Hayward