



COUNCIL REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Francisco Zermeño and George Syrop

SUBJECT: Council Referral – Adopting a Resolution to Enter into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Arandas, Jalisco, México, as requested by the Hayward-Arandas Sister City Committee

BACKGROUND:

The Hayward-Arandas Sister City committee has been meeting for the past several months with the goal of establishing a formal Sister City relationship between Hayward and Arandas, Jalisco, México. While this Sister City relationship is yet to be formalized, the committee had its first meeting in 2018 and has cultivated this relationship over the years. This can be seen at the Downtown Library where the City of Arandas is included in its Sister City section and when the City of Hayward gifted a retired firetruck to Arandas's Fire Department in 2020. With this resolution and agreement, the City of Hayward will formally commemorate the City of Arandas as one of our Sister Cities.

SUMMARY:

This referral requests that Council direct staff to:

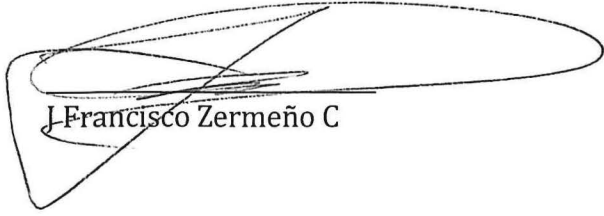
1. Review the Hayward-Arandas Sister City Bylaws to ensure it is agreement with the City's policies
2. Develop a staff report to ask Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Arandas, Jalisco, México
3. Draft, review, and finalize a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Arandas

STRATEGIC ROADMAP:

This referral supports the Strategic Priorities to: Enhance Community Safety & Quality of Life. Specifically, regarding areas around:

- Library and educational programs
- Celebrate heritage & confront inequities

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