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***Sister Cities International* Board of Directors approves Thelma Press as Global Envoy**

WASHINGTON, DC – *Sister Cities International* Board of Directors approved Ms. Thelma Press as a Global Envoy. In her new role, she will represent the organization globally and serve as an integral part of the *Sister Cities International* diplomatic and partnership outreach.

Global Envoys are highly distinguished volunteer leaders of *Sister Cities International* who represent the organization. There is no higher honor in *Sister Cities International*.

Ms. Press is a *Sister Cities International* veteran. She served as a Board member from 1977-2001 and did so in a distinguished manner with an unblemished record. She first became associated with the organization in 1959 when Tachikawa, Japan linked with her town San Bernardino, California. Ms. Press also served as the co-chair of the First Sino-U.S. Sister Cities Conference in Beijing in 1995.

Ms. Press brings forth a valuable national and international network. *Sister Cities International* looks forward to her representing the organization and the entire network in her new role as Global Envoy.

**About *Sister Cities International***

*Sister Cities International* facilitates nearly 2,000 partnerships in 136 countries on six continents between 600 communities in the United States with similar municipalities abroad. *Sister Cities International* represents citizen diplomats who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and cultural understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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