

MEDIA ADVISORY

Sister Cities International hosts U.S. and world leaders at the 2018 Annual Conference and concurrent events in Aurora, Colorado August 2-4 to discuss resilient and smart cities.

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

When: August 2 – 4, 2018

Where: Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center, 13200 E 14th Pl, Aurora, Colorado 80011

What: Sister Cities International's (SCI) 2018 Annual Conference will showcase how cities across the globe are leading efforts to create smarter, healthier, more inclusive, and more innovative communities. The conference consists of three full days of seminars and workshops on sister city best practices, smart cities, networking, and more. Find the conference agenda [here](#).

OPENING CEREMONY AND PARADE OF FLAGS

When: August 3, 9:00 – 10:15 am

Where: Aurora City Hall, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway

What: In a salute to our heritage as the oldest and largest national movement of Citizen Diplomats in the world, Sister Cities International will continue the Parade of Flags tradition and officially welcome you to Sister Cities International's 2018 Annual Conference

Who: Lt. Governor Donna Lynne, State of Colorado; Mayor Bob LeGare, Aurora, Colorado

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AND GALA

When: Saturday, August 4, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Where: Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center, Aurora Ballroom (1, 2, 3, & 4) 13200 E 14th Pl, Aurora, Colorado 80011

What: Since 1962, Sister Cities International has recognized exceptional sister city programs for their work to advance citizen diplomacy and peace worldwide. Celebrate the achievements of winning programs for 2017 activities and enjoy entertainment and dinner.

2018 YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

When: Wednesday, August 1 – Sunday, August 5

Where: University of Denver

What: The Youth Leadership Summit is designed to engage the next generation of leaders and introduce them to the world of international affairs. Through a specialized diplomatic simulation, site visits, speaker sessions, and peer collaboration, participants will learn how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues. The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) will provide students with effective problem solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into international affairs.

Conference sponsors include Toyota Motor North America, the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation, the Mary Ellen and Michael E Fox Family Foundation, H.I.S. International Tours, Inc., American University, ADEC Innovations Health Solutions, Hogan Lovells and Hans and Erika Vielberth.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for sister city programs in nearly 500 communities, with relationships in over 2,000 communities in more than 140 countries. This sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and community development.

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