July 17, 2019

4th US-China Mayor’s Summit

Sister Cities International Annual Conference
“Cities Mean Business”

Houston, Texas July 17-19, 2019

40 Years Ahead: Stronger Friendship, Closer Cooperation

8:30-9:15 Opening Ceremony and Welcome
   MC: Carol Robertson Lopez
   Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Chair of Sister Cities International
   Official of CPAFFC
   Officials of the US Dept of State and PRC MFA
   Mayor of Houston and Mayor of Shenzhen

9:15-9:45 Keynote Speech by CICS Official, China Investment Corporation, invited

9:45-10:45 Panel - Innovation and Smart Cities: How Cities in China and the United States are enhancing competitiveness through technology, creativity and innovation and protecting the urban environment

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Panel - Maritime Silk Road and Impact: Highlighting Sister Cities relationships including Tacoma/Fuzhou, Houston/Shenzhen, Oklahoma City/Haikou and documenting the impact over time

12 to 1:30 LUNCHEON Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China
   MC: Roger-Mark De Souza, President and CEO Sister Cities International
   Top Official of CPAFFC
   Tim Quigley, Chair, SCI Foundation, US China Endowment
   Cultural Offering

1:30-2:30 Panel - San Francisco Bay Area Council (BAC)/Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Development and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Development. Case Studies in Metroplex communities collaboration to advance economic development with new partnerships

2:30-3:30 Panel - Educational Exchanges: Opportunities, Challenges and Innovations in today’s world.

3:30-3:45 Break


4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks on Summit and Announcement of Future Meetings