

May 13, 2024

Dr. Ricki Garrett
President and CEO
Sister Cities International
1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 1400
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Garrett:

As the City of San Jose's voting member for Sister Cities International, I am writing this letter of recommendation to support the re-election of San Jose City Councilmember Pam Foley to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors. Councilmember Foley was elected to the SCI Board of Directors in 2023 for a one-year term and her continued service on the Board will serve the interests of the members.

San Jose is a charter member of Sister Cities International and the San Jose Okayama, Japan Sister City affiliation is the third oldest in the Sister City network. Our city has Sister City affiliations in Japan, Taiwan, Ireland, India, Mexico, Costa Rica and Russia.

Councilmember Foley was first elected to the San Jose City Council in 2018 and re-elected in 2022, serving a council district of 100,000 San Jose residents. Councilmember Foley was appointed by Mayor Matt Mahan to chair the city council Community and Economic Development Committee which includes policy direction for the City's housing, planning, building and economic development, which includes San Jose's Sister City program.

Councilmember Foley takes a strong interest and actively supports the Sister City program in San Jose and internationally, including meeting with Sister City delegations, attending community events and contributing to work of the current Board of Directors to build on the achievements of Sister Cities International. She is a champion of Sister Cities and her contributions will continue to advance the ideals and mission that were first championed by President Dwight Eisenhower.

I endorse and support the re-election of Pam Foley to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Joseph Hedges
International Affairs Manager