



# Arizona Sister Cities

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To: Kerri Carter, SCI Director of Operations

From: Dick Neuheisel, Tempe Sister Cities, Arizona Sister Cities

I am proud to support Joe Forte to become a Board Member of Sister Cities International. Joe is someone who cares deeply about his community and world peace...one who is not afraid to work hard. He founded the Tempe Beautiful movement here in Tempe and every month he assembles a large group of volunteers who clean a city park or homeless encampment.

Joe is a Board member of Tempe Sister Cities and will co-chair the 2024 Oktoberfest, an event that spans three days, attracts some 150,000 people, and proceeds support TSC student exchange program. The 2023 event in which Joe served as Chairman of Volunteers netted more than \$170,000. This summer Tempe is sending 27 high school students to its various sister cities and will pay for all the plane fares as well as other expenses.

I know Joe will be an excellent Board member for SCI and brings to the table a variety of skills and enthusiasm. He has my complete support. My own Sister city journey of some 55 years ranks in importance to me only after my family and my country. As the current president of Arizona Sister Cities I named Joe as our ambassador to help enlist other Arizona cities into the sister city family. He has contacted ten cities...in the last two months! Joe is a "ball of fire" and also a nice guy.

Sincerely,

Dick Neuheisel