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To the Board of Directors of Sister Cities International

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Paul Coffey – Director At-Large Candidate

Dear Board Members,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Paul Coffey for the position of Director At-Large with Sister Cities International.

Paul brings over three decades of visionary leadership in the arts and community engagement, currently serving as Director of the Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. In this role, he has championed civic initiatives that connect culture to community, advancing public engagement and institutional impact.

Prior to his work in Houston, Paul served as Vice Provost and Dean of Community Engagement at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he established global and civic partnerships, including projects in underserved areas and collaborations with corporate sponsors like Samsung and Motorola. He also represented the City of Chicago through the Sister Cities cultural exchange program with Rome, Italy—demonstrating a longstanding commitment to international collaboration.

Paul's impressive experience in nonprofit leadership, cultural diplomacy, and institutional development aligns seamlessly with the mission of Sister Cities International. His deep understanding of the power of the arts to unite people across borders makes him an outstanding addition to our Board.

I offer my full endorsement of his candidacy and welcome the opportunity to work alongside him in furthering our global mission.

Sincerely,

James Post

President, Sister Cities of Houston