



Staunton, Virginia
27 April 2026

Sister Cities International,

I am the Vice-Mayor of Staunton, Virginia, and a member of Sister Cities International. On behalf of our community, I am pleased to offer our full support for Frederick Blanton in his candidacy for a seat on the Sister Cities International Board of Directors in July 2026.

Fred has served diligently as SCI's State Representative for Virginia, demonstrating consistent leadership and a strong commitment to advancing the organization's mission. Locally, he has been instrumental in working to establish a more active Sister City program here in Staunton, where he has made his home in retirement.

Although Staunton has maintained a sister city relationship with Romania for over 20 years, we have not fully realized the potential of that partnership. Fred is helping us change that by bringing renewed energy, vision, and practical leadership to strengthen both our local engagement and our international connections.

We are confident that Fred's experience, dedication, and collaborative approach would be a valuable asset to Sister Cities International at the national level. We strongly endorse his candidacy for your Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Brad Arrowood
Vice-Mayor
City of Staunton, Virginia