



# CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

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April 15, 2026

Sister Cities International  
Board of Directors Nominating Committee  
1012 14th Street NW, Suite 1400  
Washington, D.C. 20005

**Re: Letter of Support — Tonga Victoria, SCI Board of Directors Candidate**

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

It is my honor to provide this letter of support for Tonga Victoria in her application to serve on the Board of Directors for Sister Cities International.

As Mayor of the City of East Palo Alto, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Tonga Victoria in advancing our city's international engagement efforts, particularly through the development of our Sister City partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga.

Tonga Victoria is currently leading the design and execution of Global Engagement Week in the Bay Area—an initiative that convenes an international delegation from Tonga, including Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Sinaitakala Tuku'aho, alongside local communities, municipal leadership, and cross-sector partners. This work reflects a strategic and community-rooted approach to international engagement, connecting local priorities with global partnerships across areas such as health, workforce development, education, and economic opportunity.

Her leadership has been instrumental in positioning East Palo Alto as a convener—bringing together stakeholders across sectors and creating the conditions for meaningful collaboration and long-term partnership. She brings a systems-level perspective that strengthens how cities engage globally while remaining grounded in the needs and priorities of the communities they serve.

Tonga Victoria's work reflects the mission and values of Sister Cities International, and I am confident she would be a strong and impactful addition to the Board of Directors.

I strongly support her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Webster Lincoln  
Mayor, City of East Palo Alto