

Memorandum

Date: January 12, 2006

To: City Council Members

CC: Louis Zunguze, Rocky Fluhart, Sam Guevara, Cindy Gust-Jenson, LuAnn Clark, Sandi Marler, Karen Wiley, Annette Daley, Barry Esham, Gwen Springmeyer, and Diana Karrenberg

From: Jan Aramaki

RE: Briefing – Mayor Anderson and City Council joint resolution to establish a Sister City relationship between Torino, Italy and Salt Lake City

The Administration requests that a joint resolution by Mayor Anderson and the Salt Lake City Council be adopted to recognize and establish a Sister City relationship between Torino, Italy and Salt Lake City, Utah. The Administration would like to make the announcement of an official Sister City relationship during the February 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy.

The Administration reports there are 57,000 Italian community members living in Utah, the Italian immigrants arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in the mid-1800's and are an integral part of our community. The Board of Directors of the Salt Lake Sister Cities Organization, Mayor Rocky Anderson, and Torino's Mayor, Sergio Chiamparino, support the establishment of this Sister City relationship with Torino.

Torino, Italy has been a Friendship City of Salt Lake City with strong community support over the past two years. Although the Sister Cities Board commonly prefers a three-year evaluation period of a Friendship City relationship to allow the strength and the vitality of the relationship to grow, the Board unanimously supported the Sister City relationship with Torino, Italy at their January 6, 2006 meeting. However, the Board requested the Torino group return to their November 2006 Board meeting to report on the relationship when the three-year evaluation time period has been reached. According to the attached Sister Cities Board of Directors minutes, the proposed Sister City relationship with Torino, Italy meets all the criteria contained in the Sister City Relationships policy adopted by the City Council in 2001 (copy attached). The minutes also reflect the two year relationship demonstrated by the City's local Italian community has sufficient community-based support to accomplish the objectives of the relationship; significant amount of community interest and support is demonstrated; there is a proven track record of involvement from the Italian community; and assets and resources within the community that will foster community building between Salt Lake City and Torino have been identified.

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COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

TO: Rocky J. Fluhart, Chief Administrative Officer **DATE:** January 9, 2006
FROM: Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: A joint resolution of the Mayor and the City Council adopting a Sister City relationship between Torino, Italy and Salt Lake City, Utah

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ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of a Resolution by City Council

DOCUMENT TYPE: Resolution

BUDGET IMPACT: None

DISCUSSION:

Salt Lake City received a request from the local Italian community group responsible for the establishment of a Friendship City relationship between Salt Lake City and Torino, Italy, to promote this relationship to Sister City status. They have requested this be done in order for them to make the announcement of the official relationship during the Olympic Winter Games being held in Torino in February 2006. Torino has been a highly successful Friendship City with a demonstration of strong community support over the past two years.

The Board of Directors of the Salt Lake Sister Cities Organization unanimously voted to support the promotion of this relationship to Sister City status on January 6, 2006. Mayor Anderson supports this promotion and would like to see this occur in time for the announcement to be made in Torino in February. Torino's Mayor, Sergio Chiamparino, also supports the promotion of this relationship and provided the City with a DVD recording shown at the Sister Cities Board of Directors meeting requesting the establishment of this Sister City relationship in time for the Olympic announcement.

Before new Sister City relationships are established, a Friendship City relationship is created for a period of time in order to evaluate the potential strength and vitality of the relationship. The Sister Cities Board usually prefers a three-year period of evaluation, but during the two years and two months Torino has been a Friendship City, the support for this relationship, demonstrated by our local Italian community group, has far surpassed all expectations.

In January 2001, the City Council adopted a policy governing Sister City relationships, and this relationship meets all of the criteria contained in that policy. A copy of that policy and minutes of the Sister City Board of Directors meeting are attached. This relationship will be supported primarily by the local Italian community who has clearly demonstrated through their community events dedication to this relationship and their ability to be responsible for its long term success.

A joint resolution by the Mayor and City Council is required to establish new Sister Cities. Therefore, we would like to request this matter be scheduled for the Council's review at their January 17, 2006, meeting. If the City Council votes to approve the promotion of this relationship to that of a Sister City, a copy of the Resolution can be hand carried to Torino for the Olympic Winter Games in February 2006.

POLICY ADOPTED BY SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL ON 1/4/01

SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

1. Salt Lake City has established Sister City relationships with several cities in other countries. It is common for the City to receive requests from individuals or community groups interested in establishing a Sister City relationship with Salt Lake City.
 2. There are limited financial resources and personnel available for Salt Lake City to invest in Sister City relationships. Therefore, the Council is committed to establishing those Sister City relationships that do not require the City to fund the relationship or provide staff support.
 3. The Council requests that the individuals or community groups proposing the new Sister City relationship:
 - a. be local residents or organizations in the Salt Lake Valley with sufficient community-based support to accomplish the objectives of the relationship;
 - b. demonstrate that there is a significant amount of community interest in and support for the relationship;
 - c. demonstrate a track record of involvement in the community;
 - d. identify assets and resources within the community that will foster community building between Salt Lake City and the proposed Sister City; and
 - e. be prepared to provide the financial and staff support necessary to establish and maintain the relationship.
 4. Sister City relationships will be established by joint resolution of the City Council and Mayor. Establishing the relationship means that City elected officials or their designees will:
 - a. attend functions hosted by local organizations in honor of the Sister City guests;
 - b. present welcoming gifts to visiting dignitaries;
 - c. arrange for tours of the City & County Building;
 - d. provide information about Salt Lake City; and
 - e. provide protocol services such as welcoming letters from elected officials, letters of introduction, resolutions to recognize events, etc.
 5. Salt Lake City will not fund travel for visits to Sister Cities for non-employees. Any travel for council members or staff to be paid for from city funds will require the approval of the full council.
 6. Salt Lake City will not arrange special events, transportation, host families; or provide funding.
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**SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of January 6, 2006**

In attendance were Board Members Geoffrey Brugger, Anne Erickson, Patrick Carley, Etsuko Freeman, Manny Evangelista, Sergey Zhuplatov and Jorge Arce-Larreta. Sandi Marler and Karen Wiley, Sister Cities Coordinators, were also present.

Excused: Rosemary Holt, Bruce Kaliser, Margaret Yee, Hubert Chang, and Sean Chang.

Request by Scott Sabey to promote Torino, Italy Friendship City relationship to Sister City status in time for announcement in Torino during the Olympic Winter Games in February 2006.

Dr. Adriano Comollo, the Board representative for the Torino Friendship City relationship, was present for this meeting but did not vote on this matter due to his conflict of interest. Dr. Comollo was present to assist in making the official request for a promotion of this relationship to that of a Sister City.

Adriano Comollo, Scott Sabey, Michael Homer, Honorary Vice Consulate Dr. Giovanni Maschero, Joanne Milner, and Jinger LaGuardia were in attendance to officially request the promotion of this relationship to that of a sister city in time for announcement of the promotion at the Olympic Winter Games to be held in Torino, Italy in February 2006.

A DVD presentation from Sergio Chiamporino, Mayor of Torino, was played demonstrating his support for the promotion of this relationship.

The presentation by those in attendance at the meeting included the following information:

1. An Olympic Sister City relationship was established between Torino and Salt Lake City during the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002.
2. A County to Provincia relationship has also been established between the two counties.
3. There are more than 57,000 Italians living in Utah, many of whom are very actively involved in community issues.
4. Strong support for this relationship has been clearly demonstrated for this relationship during its tenure as a Friendship City. Italian-Americans have played an integral role in Utah's history since the first Italian immigrants arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in the mid-1800s.
5. The Italian Center of the West is dedicated to spreading the best of Italian arts, culture and education through a variety of festivals and entertainment activities, educational film and lecture series, language and culture courses, exchange programs, intern opportunities in Italian studies, and the documentation of the impact of the Italian immigration to Salt Lake City and the whole of Utah.

Following the presentation, Etsuko Freeman moved to approve the promotion of Torino to that of a sister city status. Anne Erickson seconded the motion. Geoff Brugger suggested an amendment to the motion that the Torino group return to the Sister Cities Board in November 2006 when the full three-year evaluation time period would be reached and make another presentation to the Board on the progress of this relationship. Ms. Freeman and Ms. Erickson accepted the amendment to the motion and the second. All voted "Aye" to the motion; the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.