

Memorandum of Understanding

AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND ZURICH

In connection with the privately initiated SFZH-Initiative the City Authorities of San Francisco, California, USA and the Municipality of Zurich, Switzerland, (hereafter “the Parties”), prompted by the wish to enhance and expand the links of friendship between the parties, and recognizing that both cities will profit from exchanges involving their respective citizens, hereby enter into the following friendship and exchange agreement.

ARTICLE 1

Areas of Interest

Both San Francisco and Zurich are recognized the world over as centers of art, education, science, medicine, technology, finance, international trade as well as other areas of endeavors. It is anticipated by the parties that exchanges and links will be established in cooperation and coordination with the business and scientific partners of the SFZH Committees in the following areas of interest:

[THIS LIST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRELIMINARY AND IS OPEN FOR REVISION/NEW IDEAS]

1. Mutual Understanding;
2. Research, and development in technology/
Biotechnology, multimedia and data processing;
3. Science and medicine;
4. Economy and commerce;
5. Art and culture;
6. Public health and social welfare;
7. City Planning;
8. Tourism;
9. Environmental Protection/Sustainability
10. Legal institutions and issues;

11. Foreign investment;
12. Banking and finance;
13. International sports and recreation;
14. Transportation;
15. Nonprofit organizations and activities;

ARTICLE 2

Programs

The Parties will exert their efforts to enhance relations between their citizens by engaging in various programs, including but not limited to:

1. Exchanges of information;
2. Technical consulting;
3. Exchanges of experts;
4. Organization of conferences and training;
5. Awards of scholarships and fellowships;
6. Exchanges of cultural programs;
7. Sponsorship of sports competitions.

ARTICLE 3

Implementation

The program undertaken by the parties shall be implemented through the services of a coordinator appointed by the Mayor of each city.

ARTICLE 4

Funding

Any exchanges of civil servants and employees participating in the programs shall be funded in accordance with customary international practice, i.e., the sending party shall be responsible for payment of travel costs and the host

party will be responsible for the payment of meals, accommodations, and other costs, which the host party, in its discretion, may assume.

ARTICLE 5

Amendment

This agreement may be amended from time to time as the parties may agree. Such amendments shall be effective at such time as they are recorded in writing and signed by the parties.

ARTICLE 6

Term

This agreement shall be in force for a period of five years from the date it is signed by the parties. It shall be renewed automatically thereafter from year to year unless terminated by thirty days written notice by either party.

Willie Brown, Jr.
Mayor of San Francisco

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