



Req. #6677

**RESOLUTION NO. 33896**

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER SILAS

2 WHEREAS the City has been involved in the Sister City Program for over  
3 30 years, and

4 WHEREAS a citizens committee interested in establishing a Sister City  
5 relationship with a city in South Africa concurs that the City of George is the most  
6 appropriate city for this relationship, and  
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8 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Mayor of Tacoma and the Mayor of George  
9 exchanged documents of interest and intent to establish a relationship, and  
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11 WHEREAS the opportunity is present for this Sister City relationship to  
12 increase economic and cultural exchanges and educational opportunities for both  
13 cities, and

14 WHEREAS the criteria for establishing a Sister City have been reviewed  
15 and the South Africa Sister City Steering Committee has provided an overview on  
16 George, South Africa, to the Sister Cities Council, and  
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18 WHEREAS the City of George, South Africa, has been unanimously  
19 approved by the Sister Cities Council for recommendation to the City Council;

20 Now, Therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

22 That the Council of the City of Tacoma does hereby designate the City of  
23 George, South Africa, as a Sister City.  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, by this designation, the City of Tacoma hereby indicates its intention to participate to the fullest extent possible with George in the carrying on of Sister City policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Tacoma Sister City Committee for George, South Africa, should be established, whose membership shall be designated by further resolution of this Council.

Adopted DEC 9 1997

*Rick Rosenblatt*  
Attest: City Clerk

*Bruce Eberole*  
Mayor

Approved as to form:  
*[Signature]*  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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# REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION

CITY CLERK USE

Request #:	6077
Ordinance #:	
Resolution #:	

1. Date: **November 24, 1997**

Requesting Department/Division/Program	Sponsored By	Phone/Extension
2. <b>Legislative</b>	<b>Council Member Silas</b>	<b>5100</b>
Contact Person (for questions):		Phone/Extension
3. <b>Nancy Forster</b>		<b>5138</b>

4. Preparation of Resolution is requested for the City Council meeting of Tuesday December 9, 1997.

5. Summary Title/Recommendation: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council Agenda)

Authorize the establishment of a sister city relationship and the creation of a Tacoma Sister City Committee for George, South Africa.

6. Background Information/General Discussion: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

Over the past two years, a local ad hoc citizen's steering committee has explored and researched the establishment of a sister city relationship in South Africa. Criteria has been reviewed, documents and correspondence have been exchanged with George, South Africa. The Tacoma-Pierce County Sister Cities Council has had a presentation by the steering committee and is recommending the establishment of a relationship with George. The Mayor of George has also conveyed their interest and intent to establish a relationship with Tacoma.

7. Financial Impact: (Future impact on the budget.)

8. List all material available as backup information for the request and indicate where filed:

Source Documents/Backup Material	Location of Document
Letter dated 10/2/97 from Jack Warnick, Chair of Sister Cities Council	City Clerk
Letters from George, South Africa dated 8/27/97 and 9/15/97	City Clerk

9. Funding Source: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	City \$	Other \$	Total Amount
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If an expenditure, is it budgeted?  Yes  No Where? Org # Acct #

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10. Department Director/Utility Division Approval	Approved as to Availability of Funds Director of Finance	<i>Nancy Forster</i> City Manager/Director Utilities Approval
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City of Tacoma  
Sister Cities Council of Tacoma/Pierce County

October 2, 1997

The Honorable Brian Ebersole, Mayor  
and City Council Members  
City of Tacoma  
747 Market Street, Suite 1200  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Mayor Ebersole and Council Members:

At its meeting of September 24, the Sister Cities Council heard a presentation from Mr. Bill Wade and Mr. George Stokes, representing the ad hoc South Africa Sister City Committee. As you may be aware, the Committee has been working together for approximately two years in seeking the establishment of a Tacoma Sister City relationship with a City in South Africa. I understand that Council Member Silas has also been an active participant on the South Africa Sister City Committee.

Following an excellent presentation highlighting the similarities and potential opportunities for both cities, the Sister Cities Council unanimously passed a motion to recommend to the Tacoma City Council the establishment of a Sister City relationship with the City of George, South Africa.

I would like to commend the Committee for their diligence and commitment to the Sister City ideals.

Sincerely,



JACK WARNICK, Chair  
Sister Cities Council

cc: Council Member Silas  
Mr. Bill Wade  
Mr. George Stokes

**Tacoma's Sister Cities**

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NAVRAE,  
ENQUIRIES:

Mr J S Basson

15 September 1997

Mr Ray E Corpuz  
The City Manager  
City of Tacoma  
Room 1200  
747 Market Street  
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98402 - 3766  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sir

**PROPOSED SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

The City Council of George recently considered the possibility of entering into a Sister City relationship with the City of Tacoma.

I have pleasure to inform you that the said proposal was accepted and a committee under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Councillor S E Opperman will be in contact with you in this regard. The contact persons in this office will be the Secretary of the Mayor, Mrs Adri Visagie and Mr Johan Basson (Deputy Director Administration). They can be contacted at telephone 01127-44-801-9121 (Mrs Visagie) or 01127-44-801-9364 (Mr Basson). The fax number is 01127-44-8733776.

Brochures and further information about George have been dispatched to the Mayor of Tacoma by the Mayor of George.

Having studied certain printed material received from Tacoma I have been impressed by the 1997/1998 Biennial Budget Highlights and the Citizen's Guide to City Services.

CC: Nancy Foster  
9/25/97

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SEP 25 1997

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It is obvious that your system of City Management differs from that in this country and it will be most interesting to find out more about other ways and means of achieving objectives.

Please advise the name or names of contact people who should be approached relating to the planning of the proposed relationship.

Yours faithfully



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE/TOWN CLERK**

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GEORGE

28 August 1997.

The Mayor  
City of Tacoma  
Washington  
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Dear Mr Ebersole

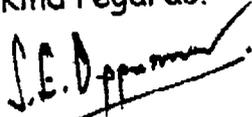
Thank you very much for your very warm and cordial letter as well as the most interesting material about your beautiful Tacoma.

The George Transitional Local Council as well as myself are eager to forge an agreement to our cities' mutual benefit. Various interested organisations i.e. the George Chamber of Commerce and its Afrikaans equivalent, George Sakekamer came to watch the beautifully crafted video about Tacoma and its exciting prospects. All these organizations expressed their positive and genuine interest.

As chairman of the "Tacoma project" I want to assure you of our enthusiasm as well as diligent work towards realizing this dream. We are sending you brochure and information about George, the Heart of the Garden Route, as well as about neighbouring towns and areas so as to further whet your appetite!!!

We will be in touch on a regular basis to keep you up to date with the progress we make at our side.

Kind regards.



Sydney E Opperman  
Mayor.

Resolution No. 33896

Adopted: DEC 9 1997

Maker of Motion: Silas

Seconded: Miller

Roll Call vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Baarsma	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mr. DeForrest	✓			
Mr. Evans	✓			
Mr. Kirby	✓			
Dr. McGavick	✓			
Mr. Miller	✓			
Dr. Silas	✓			
Mayor Ebersole	✓			

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