

RESOLUTION 21-36


**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SIBLING CITY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA**

- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana, has existing sister-city relationships with Posoltega, Nicaragua, and Santa Clara, Cuba; and
- WHEREAS, the sister-city concept was initiated in 1956 to foster greater friendship and understanding between the citizens of different areas through direct personal contact; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's sister-city relationships have led to many projects of mutual aid in education, health, language, learning, agriculture, youth exchange, art, music, and culture; and
- WHEREAS, this year, Sibling Cities USA established a national program to build sibling-city relationships between cities within the United States from different regions of the country; and
- WHEREAS, community leaders in the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Palo Alto, California support establishing a sibling city relationship between the two municipalities; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayors of Bloomington and Palo Alto have met and agree that the cities would be excellent partners as the two communities share similar goals of cultural and civic interaction, economic and business collaboration, and civic discourse; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council of Palo Alto, California approved a resolution to establish a sibling city relationship with Bloomington, Indiana on November 15, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington supports the establishment of the sibling city relationship through a mutual agreement between the City of Bloomington and Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY INDIANA, THAT:


- SECTION 1. The Common Council approves of the City of Bloomington entering into a sibling city relationship with the government and people of the City of Palo Alto, California, for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two cities.
- SECTION 2. The Common Council supports Mayor John Hamilton entering into an agreement with the City of Palo Alto, California to establish the sibling city relationship between the two cities.
- SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palo Alto, California, and to Sibling Cities USA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of December, 2021.



JIM SIMS, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



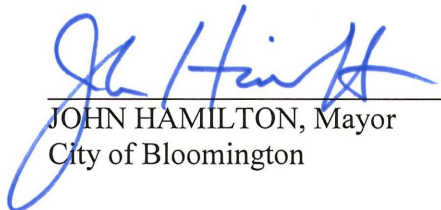
NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 3rd day of December, 2021.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 3rd day of December, 2021.



JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

Through this Resolution, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana expresses its support for establishing a sibling-city relationship with the City of Palo Alto, California, which will be memorialized in an agreement between the two cities. The goal of this relationship is to foster cross-regional connection by (1) introducing opportunities to build understanding, respect, and friendship through the collaborative exploration of the culture, arts, community service, and unique attributes of each city; (2) promoting economic and business opportunities, including sustainability practices; and (3) engaging in respectful civil discourse about the issues that face our nation today.