



## **City Council Agenda Statement**

**Meeting Date:** May 3, 2022

**Agenda Heading:** Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel

**Item Number:** 21

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### **TITLE:**

Formation of an Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee to Study Establishing a Sister City Relationship with a City in Slovakia or Hungary

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Discuss and consider forming an ad hoc Council subcommittee to study establishing a Sister City relationship with a city in Slovakia or Hungary.
2. Alternatively, discuss and take other possible action related to this item.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Government Code section 37110 authorizes the City Council to spend money from the general fund for the promotion of sister city affiliation programs. At this time, however, no expenditures are contemplated.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Many cities throughout the state and the nation have established sister city relationships with cities around the world to encourage and cultivate communication and a mutual understanding of respective economic situations and cultures. The relationships can involve moral support, the exchange of governance ideas and experiences, and in some cases, direct or indirect financial support.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of El Segundo has had a successful, decades-long sister city relationship with the City of Guaymas, Mexico. This relationship continues to benefit the residents of each city. City of El Segundo officials and residents and Guaymas officials and residents have hosted each other for numerous cultural exchanges. Additionally, there have been times when El Segundo officials and residents have provided support for Guaymas by doing such things as helping to paint public buildings in Guaymas,

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donating clothing and surplus City property to Guaymas, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Pimintel requests that the City Council form an ad hoc committee to study the potential of having a Sister City relationship with a city in Slovakia or Hungary for purposes of showing support for assistance that a city has provided to Ukraine during its recent war with Russia.

**CITY STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

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**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

None