Memorandum of Understanding

Regarding the Formation and Implementation of Sister City Relations between Alameda, California, the United States of America and the City of Varazze, Italy

The City of Alameda and the City of Varazze have agreed to exchange delegations of government officials for the purpose of formalizing Sister City relations. Representatives from the City of Varazze, Italy and the Alameda City Council, through friendly consultation, have reached consensus on the establishment of Sister City relations, and hereby sign the following Memorandum of Understanding:

- 1. Based on the principle of equality and mutual benefit, common development and enhancement of mutual understanding and friendship, both parties will promote mutual friendly visits between their people, actively carry out in-depth and extensive mutual friendship activities and work towards the goal of establishing formal Sister City relations.
- 2. Both parties agree to encourage the government, non-governmental organizations and enterprises, and the citizens of each city to conduct friendly exchanges, especially various exchanges and cooperation in the fields of art, history, and culture, economy and trade, government administration, science and technology, and sports.
- 3. It is agreed by both cities that the Mayor and City Council of Alameda and its designees, the Alameda Sister City Association, and the Mayor of Varazze, representing the City of Varazze, Italy, are responsible for formulating and implementing the friendly exchange and cooperation programs between the two cities.
- 4. Other items of necessity shall be decided upon through discussion of both parties.
- 5. Validity of Agreement This agreement shall be deemed valid for five years from the date of signature below and shall be prolonged subject to no notice of termination being presented to the other side by one of the two parties.

Month, date, year

Mayor of City of Alameda Trish Herrera Spencer Mayor of City of Varazze Alessandro Bozzano