



## PROGETTO DI GEMELLAGGIO - SISTER CITY PROJECT



**Citta' di Varazze**



**City of Alameda**



The Alpicella Club was officially founded in 1941, although there are news clippings from as early as 1935. Alpicella is a small village a few miles from Varazze. Around 1900 many people from that village and the villages of Stella and San Martin began to immigrate from Italy to the Bay Area with quite a few of them settling in Alameda. Indeed most of the farmers who worked in Bay Farm Island came from the Varazze area. The family names of Ratto, Perata, Cerruti, etc. all had their origins in this small area.

Many of the Italians who still live in Alameda can trace their roots back to Alpicella and the villages near Varazze. At present time there are fourth generation children attending the same Alameda schools their parents, grandparents, and even great grandparents attended. The Alpicella Club continues to honor its linked heritage to Alameda and Alpicella. We celebrate the Italian-American culture and its contributions to this community and this country. We treasure our Alameda heritage and look forward each year to events like the 4th of July Parade.

We also look back with pride to our Italian roots. Many of us have returned to Varazze and the surrounding villages. Some still have family there and visit often.

The whole Liguria Region (The Italian north-west coast) is actually intimately connected with the Bay Area: several communities of Italian immigrants (in Alameda, Oakland and San Francisco) are originally from Liguria.

With the intent of sealing the connection between these two Communities, two Committees were created, one in each city, with the shared intent of promoting **knowledge sharing**, consolidate the **historical aspects** that connected the communities of Varazze & Alameda and activate **Cultural Exchange Programs**.

The Varazze and Alameda communities also share an intimate relationship with the sea and the port environment. If we can summarize it with an equation it would be Bay : Alameda = Gulf : Varazze

Set aside the similarities, Ligurians and Californians live differently. And it's not just about eating different food, or drinking shorter coffee. The mentality is different. The economy is different. Different legal, medical and educational systems. Priorities, superstitions, prejudices, tastes, interests, habits, and routines – are all different.

Encouraging cultural sharing is an activity that brings **mutual benefits to both communities**, understanding or experiencing the advantages / disadvantages that entails a different perspective.

The exchange may be for purposes of study, in the case of young students, summer work and language studying, for older students, or simply tourism, for anyone interested.

Varazze is located on the Italian Riviera. In the summer it offers a magnificent seaside location interesting for summer work or vacation. Alameda is a charming city strategically located in the Bay Area and offers a safe and friendly community to enjoy a perfect first American experience, only a few steps away from the iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

There are no social or political reasons that could hinder the relationship between the two cities. Our collaboration will focus on achieving **historical, artistic, cultural and educational goals** to enrich both communities.





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# VARAZZE

<http://www.comune.varazze.sv.it>

**Country** Italy  
**Region** Liguria  
**Province** Savona (SV)

**Elevation** 5 m (16 ft)  
**Area** 48.0 km<sup>2</sup> (18.5 sq mi)  
**Population** 13,746  
**Density** 290/km<sup>2</sup> (740/sq mi)  
**Postal code** 17019  
**Dialing code** 019  
**Time Zone** UTC+1



Varazze is a comune (municipality) in the Province of Savona in the Italian region Liguria, located about 30 kilometres (19 mi) west of Genoa and about 11 kilometres (7 mi) northeast of Savona in the Riviera di Ponente. Nearby in the Ligurian Apennines is the Monte Beigua with its Natural Regional Park.

Disputed between Savona and Genoa, due to its notable ships production.

In 1227 it became an independent commune but, after a short seigniory of the Malocello, it was sold to the Republic of Genoa in 1290.

In 1525 Hugo of Moncada, admiral of emperor Charles V, was defeated here in a naval battle and taken prisoner.

Varazze followed the history of Genoa until it was captured by French troops in 1798.

In 1815 it became part of the Kingdom of Sardinia and, from 1861, of the newly unified Kingdom of Italy.

Alpicella, Cantalupo, Casanova, Castagnabuona, Deserto, Faje, Invrea, Pero are different areas that belong to Varazze jurisdiction.

**Varazze is twinned with:**

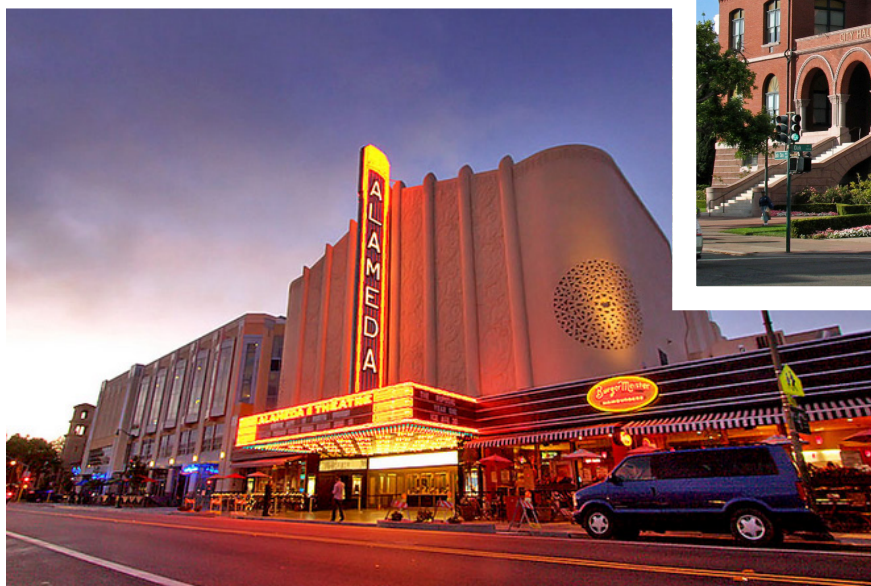
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<https://alamedaca.gov>

**Stato** Stati Uniti Stati Uniti  
**Contea** Alameda

<b>Altitudine</b>	10 m s.l.m.
<b>Superficie</b>	59,5 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Abitanti</b>	75 988 (2014)
<b>Densità</b>	1 277,11 ab./km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cod. postale</b>	94501-94502
<b>Prefisso</b>	510
<b>Fuso orario</b>	UTC-8



Alameda è una città degli Stati Uniti d'America, nella contea omonima in California.

Alameda è situata su una piccola isola nella baia di San Francisco, non distante da Oakland, capoluogo della contea, e San Francisco, che si trova sul lato opposto della baia. Oggi, la città è costituita dalla sezione principale originale, con l'ex Naval Air stazione Alameda (NAS Alameda) sul lato ovest di Alameda Island, Southshore lungo il lato meridionale di Alameda Island, e Bay Farm Island, che è parte della terraferma.

I licei presenti ad Alameda sono Encinal High School, Alameda High School e la scuola privata Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School. Una delle università più note al mondo è Berkeley che è situata a pochi minuti da Alameda.

**Alameda e' gemellata con:**

China Jiangyin, China

Japan Arita, Japan

Sweden Lidingö, Sweden.

Philippines Dumaguete City, Philippines



## Memorandum of Understanding

Riguardante la formazione e l'attuazione del gemellaggio tra Alameda, California, Stati Uniti d'America e la città di Varazze, Italia

Su invito della città di Alameda, California, USA, una delegazione della città di Varazze, in Italia, ha visitato la città di Alameda, in California, in xx, 20xx. Durante la sua visita, i rappresentanti della città di Varazze, dell'Italia e del Consiglio comunale di Alameda hanno ottenuto, attraverso consultazioni amichevoli, un consenso sull'istituzione delle relazioni della sorella città, e con la presente firmano il seguente Memorandum d'intesa:

1. Basandosi sul principio di uguaglianza e mutuo vantaggio, sullo sviluppo comune e sul miglioramento della comprensione reciproca e dell'amicizia, entrambe le parti promuoveranno ulteriormente le visite amichevoli reciproche tra le loro comunità, svolgeranno attivamente attività di reciproca amicizia e lavoreranno per raggiungere l'obiettivo di stabilire relazioni formali con la città gemellata.
2. Entrambe le parti concordano di incoraggiare le organizzazioni governative e non governative, le imprese, e i cittadini di ogni città a condurre scambi amichevoli, in particolare scambi e cooperazione nei campi dell'arte, della storia e della cultura, dell'economia e del commercio, amministrazione governativa, scienza e tecnologia e sport.
3. È stato concordato da entrambe le città che il Sindaco e il consiglio comunale di Alameda e i suoi designati, l'associazione Alameda Sister City e il sindaco di Varazze, che rappresentano la città di Varazze, sono responsabili per la formulazione e l'attuazione dello scambio amichevole e programmi di cooperazione tra le due città.
4. Altri elementi di necessità saranno decisi attraverso la discussione di entrambe le parti.
5. Validità del contratto - Il presente accordo si considera valido per cinque anni a partire dalla data della firma di seguito (fino al xx, 2023), e sarà prorogato salvo avviso di recesso presentato all'altro capo da una delle due parti

Month date, 2018

Mayor of  
City of Alameda  
Trish Spencer

Mayor of  
City of Varazze  
Alessandro Bozzano

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## 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

At the invitation of the City of Alameda, California, USA, a delegation from the City of Varazze, Italy visited the City of Alameda, California in xx, 20xx. During its visit, representatives from the City of Varazze, Italy and the Alameda City Council have, through friendly consultation, 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 further 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 (until xx, 2023), and shall be prolonged subject to no notice of termination being presented to the other side by one of the two parties.

Month date, 2018

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### AGREEMENT FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALAMEDA AND VARAZZE

WHEREAS, both cities seek to enrich cultural understanding, create adult and student exchange opportunities and broaden cooperation to encourage goodwill between the Cities, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda and Citta' di Varazze support the promotion of mutual understanding, expansion of official and non-governmental exchanges, and friendship through the promotion of culture, art and tourism, and;

WHEREAS, in order to develop a Sister City Relationship with cooperation between the the City of Alameda and Citta' di Varazze, both Cities agree to support a Sister City Relationship on the following terms:

1. To promote common prosperity and development, both Cities will organize, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and goodwill, cultural exchanges, contacts to support information sharing that may include art, business and commerce, culture, governmental administration, health and sports interests, history, science, technology and other information sharing.
2. Citizens, civic and business groups of each city are recognized as ambassadors of goodwill to organize cultural exchanges that may include the above topics.
3. Each City shall organize cultural exchanges, to the extent possible, involving adults and students within the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding.  
Each exchange and or visit shall be reviewed in advance between the Alpicella Club Committee and the Varazze Committee, with the support of the Alameda Sister City Association.
4. Each City will agree to providing the visitor with recommendations for accommodations and meals as well as a complementary historical tour of the Sister City. All costs for travel, accommodations and meals are a responsibility of the visitor, unless are agreed upon in advance.
5. Cultural exchange visit details and activities shall be cooperatively agreed upon by organizing citizens, civic and business groups. Activities shall be provided with the objective to deepen cultural awareness and friendship between citizens, business leaders and government officials.
6. The leaders and top-level department administrators of both Cities shall maintain and facilitate open channels of communication to expedite consultation, exchange and cooperation on questions of issues and common concern.
7. Both Cities agree that all elements of the Sister City Relationship are to remain noncontroversial and will maintain that historically controversial political issues play no part in this Sister City Relationship.
8. The effective term for this Memorandum of Understanding shall be for ten years following the date of execution of the Memorandum. Prior to expiration of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Sister City Relationship shall be reviewed by the Alpicella Club Committee and the Varazze Committee, with the support of the Alameda Sister City Association, to evaluate the progress of the relationship, as well as recommend whether the relationship shall continue.
9. This Memorandum of Understanding represents the entire agreement between the Cities. It may not be changed or modified without a resolution signed by the leaders of both cities.

These two Cities hereby execute this Memorandum of Understanding to expire within ten years from the noted date(s).

Mayor of Alameda

Date Signed:

Sindaco di Varazze

Date Signed:





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