

SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

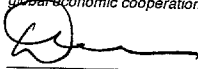
Between the
Municipality of Belen, Province of Heredia, Costa Rica
and the
City of DeLand, Florida, United States of America

Considering that:


- The cities of Belen and DeLand recognize a mutual interest to establish structures that facilitate an international cooperation, economic development and positive contribution to their respective cities.
- Previous correspondence has resulted in a strong understanding between the communities and identification of the main sectors of cooperation.
- Both cities demonstrate a mutual interest in working together, focusing in the areas of economic and urban development, environmental protection, cultural, educational, business exchange, security and recreation.
- The will of Belen and DeLand is to develop a cooperation in order to secure their future economic development.
- Both cities, taking into account the considerations listed above, recognize that it is in their mutual interests to work together.

With this agreement, the cities of Belen and DeLand declare their intentions:

1. To exchange economic missions with the support of governmental offices, institutions, organizations and chambers of commerce and industry that may be best able to assist in the organization of said missions.
2. To proceed with exchanges between their administrations, in areas of competence, to include economic development, environmental preservation and urban development.
3. To stimulate academic, technological and scientific exchanges between regional universities.
4. To stimulate cultural and sports exchanges between diverse and corresponding institutions. Said institutions would be responsible for the negotiation, signing and implementation of their appropriate cooperation agreements.
5. To elaborate an annual plan with the goal of formalizing ties of friendship and cooperation, contributing to the peace and development of their nations, in the spirit of new global economic cooperation.

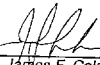


David C. Rigsby
Mayor of DeLand



Ing. William Murillo M.
Local Government President

Witnessed by:


James F. Coleman
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Signed on 31st day of October, 1996
at the Municipality of DeLand, Florida.