

Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico

Sister City Agreement



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Background



- San Antonio currently has 12 sister cities
- The shared history and heritage dating back to the foundation of San Antonio provides a strong link
- A delegation from San Antonio visited in September 2024 for a collaborative art exhibit, along with signing of various MOUs and a Friendship City agreement
- A trade and cultural mission from Queretaro to San Antonio, led by the Governor of Queretaro and the Mayor of Queretaro City is confirmed for February 2025
- Additional municipal collaboration is taking place in the Queretaro metropolitan region with Corregidora

Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico Profile



- Capital and largest city in state of Queretaro
- The historic center of Queretaro was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.
- Fastest growing city in Mexico with economy focused on IT and data centers, logistics services, aircraft manufacturing, and automotive industries.
- Population: 1,049,777 (2020)



San Antonio and Queretaro



- Mutual promotion of economic cooperation, bilateral trade and cultural, scientific and educational exchanges, including:
 - Cultural Exchange
 - Heritage Tourism
 - Airport Connectivity
 - Trade & Investment
 - Education
- San Antonio International Airport signed a cooperative MOU in September 2024 with the International Airport of Queretaro.
- Alamo Colleges District signed a cooperative MOU in September 2024, with a consortium of seven higher education institutions in the State of Queretaro.
- Four of San Antonio's five world heritage missions were created by missionaries from the Franciscan Missionary College of Queretaro.

Recommendation

Approval of an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into a sister city agreement between Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico, and the City of San Antonio, Texas, USA.



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