

Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain

Sister City Agreement



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Background

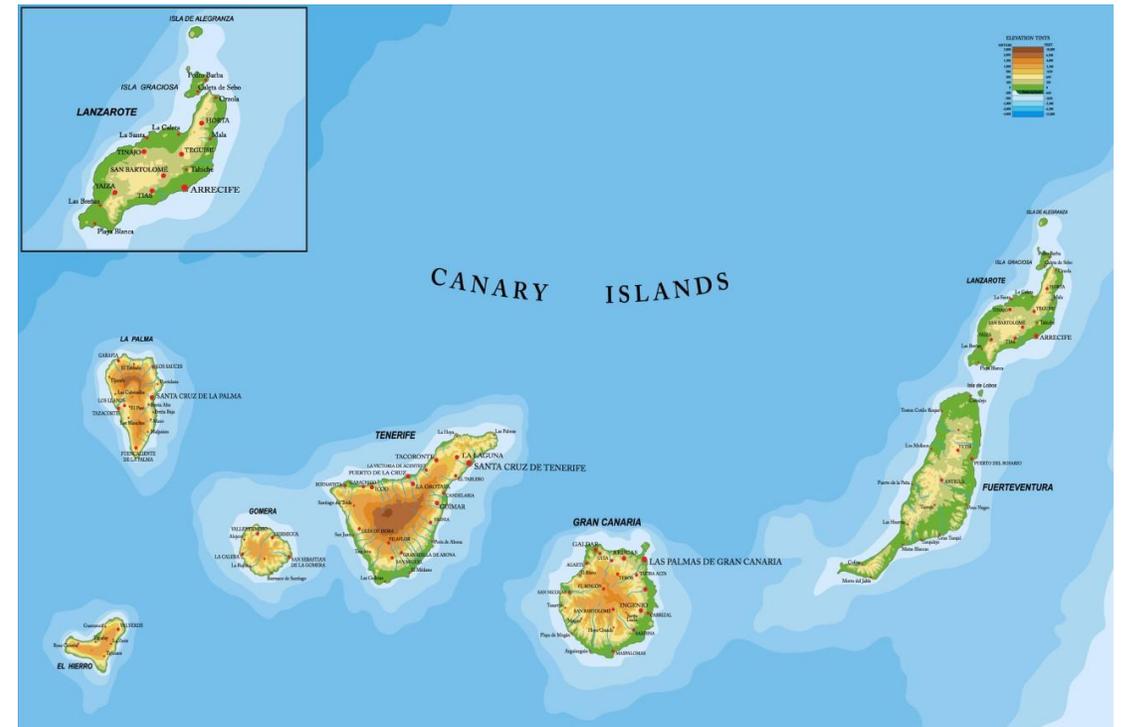


- San Antonio currently has 12 sister cities
- Discussions to form a Sister City relationship with Lanzarote started in 2000 and has been revived with support from the current administration in Lanzarote, the Honorary Consul of Spain in San Antonio and the President of the Canary Islands Descendants Association (CIDA)
- A business and official delegation from Lanzarote visited San Antonio in October 2024
- A business delegation from San Antonio visited Lanzarote in November 2024

Lanzarote, Canary Islands Profile



- Fourth largest island in the Canary Islands (326.62 sq mi)
- Part of Spain although geographically in Africa
- Population: 158,789 (2023)
- Industries: Tourism, Agriculture
- Capital City: Arrecife
- Historical Capital: Teguisse



San Antonio and Lanzarote



- Mutual promotion of economic cooperation, bilateral trade and cultural, scientific and educational exchanges, including:
 - Cultural Exchange
 - Heritage & Eco Tourism
 - Culinary Exchange
 - Airport Connectivity
 - Trade & Investment
 - Education
- Majority of Canary Islanders who arrived in San Antonio in 1731 and who were given land grants to settle here were from Lanzarote.
- Strong historical connection to the establishment of first civil government in San Antonio that links the two regions.
- President of Lanzarote in San Antonio in 2018 Tricentennial celebrations provided largest amount of funding from the islands for Canary Islands Monument in front of Bexar County Court.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing a sister city agreement between Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain, and the City of San Antonio, Texas, USA.



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