

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED  
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH QUERETERO,  
MEXICO**

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**WHEREAS**, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and has resulted in San Antonio having two sister cities in Mexico, three in Europe, six in Asia and one in Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1709, Father Antonio de Olivares, a Franciscan missionary from the College of Santa Cruz of Querétaro, arrived in San Antonio and went on to help found the Mission San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo) in 1718, the Presidio San Antonio de Bexar, and the Acequia Madre de Valero, the initial phase of what became a 45-mile network to provide water for the missions and their agricultural endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, more recently, strong ties with Querétaro have been fostered with increasing economic cooperation, the signing of the San Antonio- Querétaro Airport Agreement, the Alamo Colleges-Querétaro Educational Consortium MOU, and the significant “Al Otro Lado del Espejo” exhibition at the Museum of Art of Querétaro featuring 23 San Antonio artists that opened September 20, 2024 and will continue in 2027 when Querétaro artists visit San Antonio on a reciprocal exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, future collaboration is being sought by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tech Bloc, and the US-Mexico Business Association (AEM San Antonio) which all participated in a 135-strong San Antonio delegation visit to Querétaro for a 2024 Friendship City Signing; and

**WHEREAS**, Querétaro would be San Antonio’s third sister city in México to join Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, and Guadalajara, Jalisco; and

**WHEREAS**, execution of a Sister City Agreement supports the desire of San Antonio and Querétaro to collaborate for the mutual benefit of our communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities. **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** A Sister City Agreement with Queretero, Mexico, is hereby approved. The mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement, a copy of which is set out in **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by eight (8) votes or more and upon ten (10) days following its passage if approved by fewer than eight (8) votes.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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**Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT I**

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