



**General Protocol for  
Sister City Agreement  
*between*  
San Antonio, Texas,  
United States of America  
*and*  
the Island of Lanzarote,  
Canary Islands, Spain**

On behalf of Lanzarote through PROMOCIÓN EXTERIOR DE LANZAROTE, S.A.  
(hereinafter "SPEL"), Tax ID (CIF) A35955798:

MR. OSWALDO BETANCORT GARCÍA and MR. HÉCTOR FERNÁNDEZ  
MANCHADO, the former in his capacity as President and the latter as Chief Executive  
Officer of the entity, pursuant to the Board of Directors' Resolution of October 17, 2023,  
both with an address for purposes of this Protocol at Calle Triana, Number 38, Postal  
Code 35500, Arrecife.

On behalf of the CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, its Mayor, MR.  
RON NIRENBERG, pursuant to Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ passed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Both parties, in the exercise of their respective authorities, acknowledge their mutual legal  
capacity to execute this document.

Whereas both destinations—San Antonio and Lanzarote—share historical ties that  
connect them through the municipalities of Arrecife (the current capital of Lanzarote) and  
Teguise (the historic capital of the island). Both the City of San Antonio, Texas, and the  
Sociedad de Promoción Exterior de Lanzarote (SPEL), in the Canary Islands, Spain, seek  
to strengthen their cultural, historical, and economic relations.

In accordance with the principles of Sister Cities International, established by the  
President of the United States in 1956, and pursuant to applicable Spanish legislation  
governing international relations and cooperation agreements—specifically Law 40/2015,  
of October 1, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector—both parties have agreed to  
formalize their relationship as sister cities through this document.

Both destinations will make joint efforts to promote collaboration and enhance the



exchange of know-how, as well as to cooperate in the following fields, by way of example without limitation and subject to their capabilities:

- a) **Cultural Exchange** – to nurture the rich cultural ties forged in the 18th century through migration from Tegui, from which most of San Antonio’s Canary Islander ancestors originated, and to foster artistic exchange and promote current initiatives between our communities, further strengthening the historical and cultural bond that unites both destinations;
- b) **Heritage and Eco-Tourism** – to explore exchange opportunities and best practices in heritage and eco-tourism, especially with regard to UNESCO designations, including Lanzarote’s status as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and San Antonio’s recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a Creative City of Gastronomy;
- c) **Culinary Exchange** – to learn from Lanzarote’s unique agricultural traditions, owing to its proximity to the African coast (60 miles), its arid climate, and volcanic soil, as well as from San Antonio’s gastronomic influences resulting from the confluence of cultures created by Canary Islanders and Native Americans nearly 300 years ago;
- d) **Trade and Investment** – to support business cooperation and exchanges in areas of mutual interest, including IT security, infrastructure, and innovation, among other sectors;
- e) **Education** – to explore and facilitate educational exchange opportunities at both the higher education and secondary levels, thereby strengthening connections between both destinations.

Both parties have decided that the Global Engagement Office and Economic Development Department of the City of San Antonio, as well as the Sociedad de Promoción Exterior de Lanzarote, will be responsible for carrying out the necessary arrangements, agreements, and implementation of exchange and cooperation programs between the two communities on behalf of their respective governments, including other departments and community partners as appropriate.

Any matters not mentioned in this Agreement shall be resolved by both governments through the corresponding legal instruments in accordance with the applicable regulations in each case.

This Protocol does not create any legal or other obligations for the parties, nor any duty of exclusivity. Both parties are free to pursue other channels in addition to those set forth



herein. Furthermore, it does not establish any commercial or employment relationship between the signatories.

The parties execute this Agreement in two original copies, drafted in both English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic, with the Spanish version prevailing in any case.

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**Mr. Ron Nirenberg**

Mayor

City of San Antonio, Texas U.S.A.

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**Mr. Oswaldo Betancort Garcia**

President

Island Council (*Cabildo*) of Lanzarote,  
Canary Islands, Spain

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**Mr. Hector Fernandez Manchado**

Chief Executive Officer, Promoción  
Exterior de Lanzarote S.A

**Date**