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The Honorable Dick Murphy
Mayor of San Diego, USA

Dear Mayor Dick Murphy,

It is a source of great honor and pleasure to present, on behalf of the citizens of Jalalabad and myself, warm greetings to you and the Committee of Citizens of San Diego.

The people of Jalalabad have established a Sister Cities Steering Committee of 21 people for the development of friendship with your city. This volunteers' steering committee of Jalalabad warmly welcomes the goodwill gesture of the citizens of San Diego, in order to sustain and promote communications for future and long-term cooperation for peace and understanding. The volunteers committee of Jalalabad has shown keen interest to enhance cooperation and to strengthen cultural ties and friendship.

We are hopeful that the committee of San Diego could share with their fellow committee of Jalalabad its 47 years of experience through the program of Sister Cities.

Due to the invasion of the former Soviet Union, the infrastructure had seriously affected in Jalalabad. The recent changes in the country have encouraged the international community to focus their attention on peace, security, and reconstruction of this war ravaged country. We are at the threshold of economic, cultural and social rehabilitation; we need to establish people to people contacts. We are again thankful to the interest of the Committee of Citizens of San Diego who wishes to sustain a relationship with Jalalabad city.

In the end I would like on behalf of the city of Jalalabad to invite a delegation of San Diego Committee members to visit our city and share with us their invaluable experience and knowledge.

Best Regards

Abdul Razzaq Arsalai
The Mayor of Jalalabad City, Nangarhar