



# Sister City Agreement



## San Diego, California, USA ~ Jalalabad, Nangarhar, Afghanistan

In 1956 the President of the United States initiated the Sister Cities program to nurture friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations.

The citizens of San Diego, California, USA, and Jalalabad, Nangarhar, Afghanistan, desiring friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, cultural, humanitarian and economic opportunities. Unity between and within the communities of San Diego and Jalalabad will be strengthened through personal contact, and through cooperation, trust, tolerance, participation and esteem.

It is in each citizen's best interest to understand and value the unique culture, needs, and dreams of the residents of other countries in the world. Our shared goal is peace, prosperity, stability and justice.

The citizens of Jalalabad have not enjoyed the same access to educational, health, agricultural, and information technology resources available to San Diego residents. San Diegans want to foster enhanced reconstruction opportunities for the residents of Jalalabad in these and other regards, while continuing to respect and learn Afghanistan's rich culture and traditions, heritage and national identity.

Citizens, educational and healthcare institutions, businesses, and civic organizations in both San Diego and Jalalabad support this Sister City relationship.

Sister City committees have been formed in San Diego and Jalalabad to carry out the spirit and intent of this agreement.

**Therefore, San Diego and Jalalabad** do hereby proclaim themselves to be Sister Cities, and declare their intent in this relationship to abide by Sister Cities International® policies indefinitely. This Agreement is also prepared in the Pashto language and signed, and is of equal effect.

This Agreement is effective on the date of the second signature placed herein below:

### Mayor of San Diego

### Mayor of Jalalabad

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Murphy

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Abdul Razaq "Arsalai" S/O M. Sadeq

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen R. Brown  
Chairman, San Diego Sister Cities Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Nisar Ahmad "Nisar"  
Chairman, Jalalabad Sister Cities Committee