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September 20, 1996

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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as referring this issue to the Sister City Sub-committee for their review and further action.

In City Council October 21, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
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A true copy;

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