



CARSON SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

The Carson Sister Cities Association (CSCA)

includes affiliations with Soka, Japan,

Wanju-gun County, Korea, and

La Carlota, Philippines. Together the members

of the Carson Sister Cities Association are

able to promote cultural understanding and

goodwill between these international cities.

CSCA Mission

- To plan and conduct projects which will foster understanding, unity and goodwill between the citizenry of Carson and the citizenry of any foreign city duly designated by the City Council of the City of Carson as a Sister City.
- To advise the City Council of the City of Carson, upon request, on matters pertaining to any Sister Cities' affairs.
- To promote enthusiasm conducive to increase community awareness, and enhance pride among Carson residents and the business community.
- To encourage youth participation by utilizing their knowledge and skills to perpetuate international understanding.
- To initiate a domestic America to America Educational and Cultural Youth Exchange Program.

What is CSCA?

The Carson Sister City Association (CSCA) is a organization (under the banner of the City of Carson) of individuals interested in fostering better international cooperation and understanding through sister city relationships between the City of Carson and foreign cities.

Why Join CSCA?

Members of CSCA are privileged to learn about culture and history of different countries and their people. Key to CSCA membership is the opportunity to enjoy the interaction with others who are dedicated to developing relationships with citizens in foreign cities.

Who are our members?

CSCA has an open membership policy and consists of volunteers. Students, families, community members, elected officials, representatives of clubs and associations, and business leaders participate as members of CSCA.

The Association holds elections every two years.

The officers are as follows:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Vice Chairperson for Youth Affairs

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

What is the Role of members?

- Establish global understanding through relationships among U.S. and foreign communities.
- Coordinate activities among sister cities affiliated with Carson.
- Conduct regular business meetings for the purpose of carrying out the CSCA mission.
- Sponsor membership activities to promote fellowship with diverse cultures.
- Participate in fundraising efforts for special CSCA projects.
- Pay associate dues to help support the activities of the Association.
- Act as a community ambassador in promoting recruitment and participation in the CSCA.
- Serve as a host family for Student exchange programs sponsored by CSCA.

CSCA Activities

- Annual student and adult group exchange visits with Soka, Japan for educational and cultural purposes.
- Major fundraising activities for each calendar year
- Initiate active youth affairs programs beginning with cultural excursions, special events and other opportunities designed for Youth participation.
- Involvement in the annual City of Carson Unity Day Celebration.

History of CSCA

The Carson Sister City Association traces its origin to 1972, when Carson's first sister city affiliation with Sinait, Philippines was established. Since that time, three other affiliations were established, Soka Japan (1979); Oyoko, Ghana (1980) and Robertsport, Liberia (1985). However, because of inactivity and/or political crisis, the Carson City Council officially severed the affiliations with Sinait, Oyoko, and Robertsport in 1993 and since that time, the City of Carson has formed affiliations with Wanju-gun County, Korea (1997) and La Carlota, Philippines (1998).

Originally known as the Carson Sister City Committee, a name change was adopted in 1988, to reflect the organization's growth and reflect its expanding role to involve all segments of the community.

In addition, CSCA is a member of Sister Cities International, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1967.

SCI provides a mechanism for U.S. cities to enter into city affiliations by assisting them in the process of linking with a city in another country. It acts as a coordinator and catalyst to encourage various types of sister cities activities and serves as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and share information, knowledge and technology.

How Can I Become A CSCA Member?

In order to join CSCA, you must fill out an official application for membership and pay the appropriate dues .

Applications are available in the Public Information Office at Carson City Hall. For more information, call (310) 952-1740.