

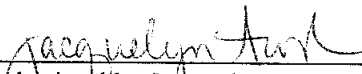


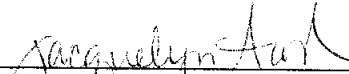
# City of Carson

## Report to Mayor and City Council

March 18, 2014  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVING THE CITY TO PAY THE AIRFARE FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CARSON SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON TO ATTEND THE 35-YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE SOKA, JAPAN SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF CARSON**

  
Submitted by Jacquelyn Acosta  
Acting City Manager

  
Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta  
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### **I. SUMMARY**

Mayor Jim Dear, accompanied by Tom Huston, Chairperson of the Carson Sister Cities Association (CSCA) will lead a delegation of elected officials, officers and members of CSCA on a visit to Soka City, Japan from May 23-26, 2014. The purpose of this visit is to participate in the official ceremonies planned in celebration of the 35-year sister city relationship between Soka, Japan and the City of Carson.

The City Council is requested to approve paying the roundtrip airfare for Mayor Dear and Tom Huston to attend the 35-year sister city relationship celebration as official delegates representing the City and CSCA.

### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE the City paying the roundtrip airfare of \$1,200.00 each for the Mayor and the Chairperson of the CSCA.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

Take another action the City Council deems appropriate.

### **IV. BACKGROUND**

In January of this year, the City of Soka, Japan extended an invitation to city officials, officers, and member of CSCA to visit Soka in May to celebrate the 35-year sister city relationship between their city and the City of Carson.

In October 1998, the Council took similar action and approved travel costs for the Carson Sister City Association Chairperson to accompany then Mayor Pete Fajardo when he led the delegation to Soka at the invitation of then Mayor of Soka, Hiroshi Ozawa. At that time, the City Council approved funding the travel expenses for both the Mayor and the CSCA Chairperson as members of the official delegation.

### **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

The roundtrip airfare to Soka, Japan will cost approximately \$1,200.00 per person.

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Funds for these costs are available in the FY 2013/14 general fund budget.

**VI. EXHIBITS**

None.

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**Action taken by City Council**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_