

Promoting Peace Through Prosperity

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the early pioneers of the sister cities movement believed that if people could cross national boundaries and get to know each other personally, their mutual respect and understanding could transform diplomatic relations.

“The Sister Cities Program is an important resource to the negotiations of governments in letting the people themselves give expression of their common desire for friendship, goodwill and cooperation for a better world for all.”

— President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our Objective

To encourage a deeper understanding of each other through:

- **Culture**
Promote art and culture exchange programs.
- **Education**
Support youth activities and exchanges aimed at community and international friendships.
- **Economics**
Introduce business owners to international business opportunities.

Our Activities

- Visit other countries
- Welcome our delegations for our Sister Cities
- Events and fundraising
- Youth ambassador program
- Host our international friends
- Visit businesses, schools and organizations in our Sister Cities

Redondo Beach Sister Cities

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a non-profit diplomacy organization



Ensenada, Mexico
La Paz, Mexico



Zhangjiagang, China



Itoman City, Japan



Redondo Beach, USA

Learn how to get involved...

- TRAVEL
- FRIENDSHIP
- CULTURE
- FUN



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**A Message from
Mayor Steve Aspel**



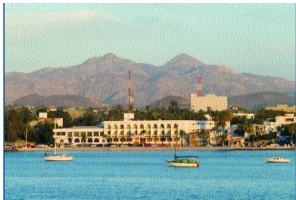
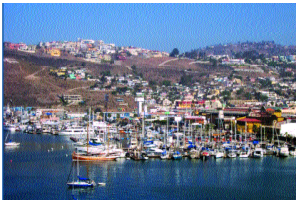
Redondo Beach has a long history of citizen diplomacy through our Sister City programs and our relationships with Mexico, China and Japan. Our participation has allowed us to build partnerships that span the globe.

Cities play a unique role in international diplomacy. Regardless of the form of government, history, or the philosophical direction of another nation, mayors the world over share a unique bond and focus centering on the needs of our citizens.



I strongly encourage you to become a member and volunteer to support our Sister City program.

Steve Aspel



Sister City Mexico

The cities of **Ensenada** and **La Paz** are Redondo Beach’s oldest Sister Cities. Each year since the early 1960’s delegations have visited, exchanged students and accomplished important projects including the construction of an orphanage just outside Ensenada.



Sister City China

Redondo Beach has one official Sister City, **Zhangjiagang**, and two “Friendship Cities” the **Xicheng District of Beijing** and **Wenjiang, Chengdu**. Zhangjiagang is a model environmental city located about one and one-half hours from Shanghai along the Yangtze River. Many delegations have visited Zhangjiagang and over 60 high school students have visited Redondo Beach.



Sister City Japan

Our newest Sister City, **Itoman City, Okinawa** is a seaside community on the southern tip of the island. Okinawa is famous for the health and longevity of its residents and is one of the few “Blue Zones” as studied by world famous National Geographic explorer and demographer Dan Burden.

Whether you are interested in hosting Sister City visitors, visiting a Sister City or volunteering special skills, getting involved with the Redondo Beach Sister Cities Program is easy. Committees on Mexico, China and Japan meet monthly in the evenings to organize and plan for Sister City activities.

What is in it for me:

- Make a difference
- Travel
- Meet new friends
- Learning
- Adventure
- Cultural discovery
- Fun events
- Hosting international friends
- Community recognition for your business

Yes, I am interested in learning more about Redondo Beach’s Sister City Program. My particular countries of interest are: (check all that apply)

☐ **Mexico** ☐ **China** ☐ **Japan**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Area of interests:

- ☐ Host Sister City Visitors
- ☐ Visit a Sister City
- ☐ Accompany Visitors during activities
- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Volunteer at Special Functions
- ☐ Volunteer special skills

☐ Yes, I would like to become a member of Redondo Beach Sister City. Enclosed are my tax deductible annual membership dues per sister city:
☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Organization \$100

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