

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between Pasadena, California, U.S.A and Xicheng District, Beijing, China  
2005-2008

The City of Pasadena, California and Xicheng District, Beijing have been sister cities since October of 1999. In the last five years, with the help and support of government affiliates, local organizations, and community members, this cooperative exchange has contributed greatly to the friendly communications between the two cities and has brought about remarkable results.

In order to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our sister cities exchange, Mr. Bill Bogaard, the mayor of Pasadena, has accepted the invitation from Mr. Lin Duo, Governor of Xicheng, to lead a group of Pasadena Sister Cities members to visit Xicheng District. Committee members from both parties have given very positive remarks about continuing our exchange activities. After broad discussion, both parties have reached the following agreements:

1. Both parties will continue to foster friendly relations between the two cities by sending official delegations to meet with each other, providing necessary non-financial assistance when appropriate.
2. Both parties wish to expand the scope of their exchange activities, especially business exchanges, and will support and provide necessary assistance in areas of business, cultural, educational, and athletic exchanges.
3. Xicheng will organize city officials to visit Pasadena for in-service management training activities to be organized by the China subcommittee of the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee. Pasadena will assist this project by preparing invitations for Xicheng officials to visit Pasadena and surrounding American cities as well as helping with other arrangements connected with such in-service training activities. All expenses connected with these training activities in the United States will be paid by the Xicheng District government.
4. The government of Xicheng plans to participate in the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade in 2008, which is also the same year that China will host the Olympic games in Beijing. Pasadena will welcome and help the Xicheng committee prepare for participation in this event.

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Mayor Bill Bogaard, City of Pasadena

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Xicheng District

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Alan Lamson Chair of China Subcommittee,  
Pasadena Sister Cities Committee