



SISTER CITIES

Presentation to City Council - February 4, 2013



What is Sister Cities?

- Serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States
- Advances peace and prosperity through cultural, educational, humanitarian, and economic development efforts
- Empowers individual citizens to become diplomats and represent their community and their country

Flagstaff's Sister Cities

- Barnaul, Russia
- City of Blue Mountains, Australia
- Xindian, Taiwan
- Manzanillo, Mexico



Timeline

- **1988** – *Flagstaff International Sister Cities Association (FISCA)* is Incorporated as an independent, non-profit organization in Arizona
- **2009** – Last year filed with AZ Corporation Commission
- **2010** – Last year as dues-paying member of Sister Cities International (SCI)
- **2011** – Corporation is dissolved and non-profit status is lost
- **2011 to 2012** – City budgeted contributions to corporation are unclaimed and swept
- **2013** – City contribution is budgeted in FY13

Financials

FISCA Financial Summary – Since September 1, 2009

Starting Balance	\$10,792.63
Total Deposits	\$6,000.00 from City \$75.00 from Other
Total Expenses	\$10,713.30
Cash Balance (as of November 30, 2012)	\$6,154.33
<i>Budgeted Sister Cities Contribution in FY13</i>	<i>\$2,775.00</i>

Steps Forward - Options

Continuing to fund the Sister Cities program in its current form is not advisable. Options include:

- **Option 1:** Identify a new non-profit corporation to contract administration of Sister Cities activities
- **Option 2:** In-house administration of Sister Cities program (*Proactive with ongoing and substantial commitment of City resources*)
- **Option 3:** In-house administration on an activity or by-request basis (*Reactive with minimal commitment of City resources*)
- **Option 4:** End City contributions to Sister Cities