

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: December 9, 2013  
General Plan Element: *Economic Vitality*

General Plan Goal: *Foster international relations for the purposes of economic and cultural exchanges*

## ACTION

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**Establish Uasin Gishu, Kenya, as a Sister City.** Adopt Resolution No. 9592 endorsing a Sister City partnership with the County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya.

## BACKGROUND

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The Sister City concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact.

The City of Scottsdale initiated its participation in the Sister City program by establishing its first sister city (Alamos, Mexico) in 1969 and has continued its participation and its expansion of this program since that date.

During the week of August 11, 2013, a delegation of five Sister City representatives visited Uasin Gishu to conduct the final stages of exploratory review concerning the establishment of Uasin Gishu as a sister city. The delegation met with the Governor, Deputy Governor, cabinet ministers, department heads for education, health care, trade and youth affairs, as well as members of the business community and the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese, which includes Uasin Gishu.

Following the visit, and after community meetings and months of investigation and discussion, the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association Board recommends establishing a sister city relationship with Uasin Gishu, Kenya, to be finalized prior to Kenya's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence on December 12, 2013.

The City of Scottsdale currently has six other Sister Cities: 1. Alamos, Sonora, Mexico. 2. Cairns, Queensland, Australia. 3. Interlaken, Switzerland. 4. Kingston, Ontario, Canada 5. Haikou, Hainan, China 6. Marrakech, Morocco.

## **ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT**

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### **Resolution No. 9592:**

- Endorses the County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya as a Sister City.
- Authorizes the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Scottsdale, all documents necessary to formalize a Sister City partnership with the County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya

## **RESOURCE IMPACTS**

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There is no direct fiscal impact related to the adoption of Resolution No. 9592

## **OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Options include approving or not approving the proposed resolution.

## **RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

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Government Relations

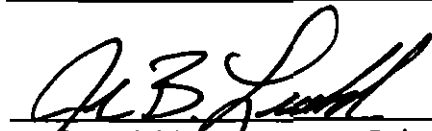
## **STAFF CONTACTS (S)**

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Brad Lundahl, Government Relations Director, 480-312-2683

## **APPROVED BY**

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11-21-13  
Date

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution No. 9592

RESOLUTION NO. 9592

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, ENDORSING A SISTER CITY  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF UASIN GISHU, KENYA

WHEREAS, the Sister City Concept was inaugurated by President Dwight Eisenhower to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association (SSCA) has established and the City of Scottsdale has endorsed Sister City partnerships with the cities of Alamos, Sonora, Mexico; Cairns, Queensland, Australia; Haikou, Hainan, China; Interlaken, Switzerland, Marrakech, Morocco and Kingston, Ontario, Canada; and

WHEREAS, the SSCA is responsible for administering the Sister City program and has done so for many years; and

WHEREAS, the SSCA has requested support from the City of Scottsdale to designate the County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya as Scottsdale's seventh Sister City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya is hereby endorsed as a Sister City partner.

Section 2. Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Scottsdale, all documents necessary to formalize a Sister City partnership with the County of Uasin Gishu, Kenya.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

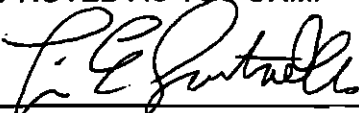
ATTEST:

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an  
Arizona municipal corporation

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Carolyn Jagger  
City Clerk

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W. J. "Jim" Lane  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Bruce Washburn  
City Attorney

By: Luis E. Santaella, Senior Assistant City Attorney



***Scottsdale Sister Cities  
Uasin Gishu  
Kenya, Africa***

**December 9, 2013**



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# ***Uasin Gishu, Kenya***



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- Population of 900,000 with about 300,000 in Eldoret.
- Agricultural economy – wheat, corn, passion fruit, oranges, and dairy.
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# ***Action***

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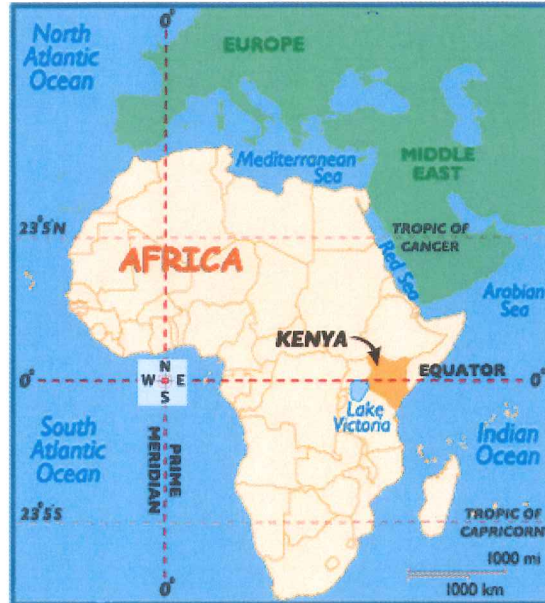
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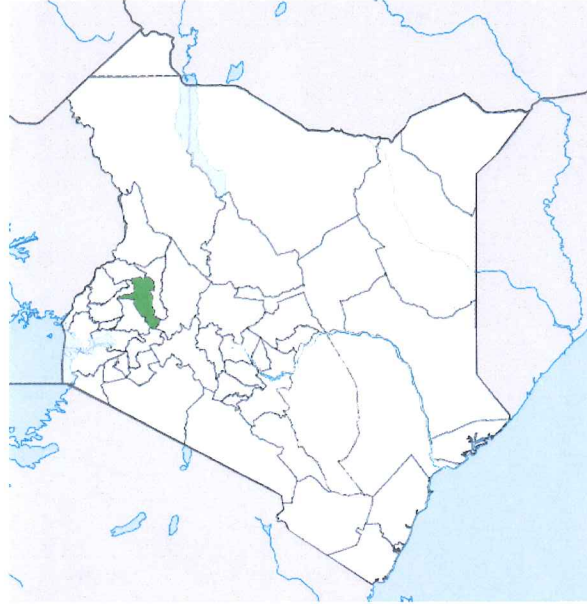


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