

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

AMENDMENT TO ITEM #2

A group of leading community members of Los Angeles County, representing diverse fields, under the leadership of Ms. Raana Hasnat, have expressed an interest in forming a committee to explore, encourage and facilitate a Sister-County relationship between Los Angeles County and Dubai of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

For the past two generations, the governing leadership of the UAE has successfully patterned the growth of their country after the Western World. Los Angeles County may benefit from a relationship with this part of the world where we have no Sister-County relationship. The Municipality of Dubai has informed the Los Angeles community group that they are particularly interested in the exchange of ideas as it relates to business and industry, arts and culture, tourism and trade missions, medicine and science and education.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief of Protocol:

1. To explore the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing a Sister-County relationship with the Municipality of Dubai, UAE, using the guidelines prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of Protocol;

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2. In consultation with County Counsel, be directed to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the possible areas of mutual benefit to be explored; this MOU would be preliminary to any Friendship Agreement that might occur in the future between the County of Los Angeles and the Municipality of Dubai, UAE; and
3. To inform the Dubai volunteer committee that they are to be responsible for developing, managing and funding, with private monies, all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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