

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Sister Cities Commission
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Date of Proposed Action:	September 2, 2025

Issue

N/A

Background / Rule

The Charlottesville Sister Cities Commission (CSCC) is a public body composed of community members appointed by City Council. The CSCC was officially established in June 2006 by a resolution approved by the Council. The Commission's mission is to promote understanding and foster relationships between citizens and organizations in the Charlottesville area and its sister cities through cultural, economic, educational, and humanitarian activities.

The City of Charlottesville is an active member of Sister Cities International, a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. This network aims to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development.

The City has generally allocated no less than \$15,000 annually to support Sister City initiatives, including project grants.

As stated in Article IX of the CSCC bylaws, the Commission is required to file an annual report on its activities and finances with the Clerk of Council at the conclusion of each fiscal year, which ends on June 30.

Analysis

The work of the Sister Cities Commission aligns with the City's strategic focus areas of Partnerships; Education; and Recreation, Arts, and Culture.

Financial Impact

This annual report contains no additional funding requests.

Recommendation

Acceptance of the annual report.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

- 2024-2025 CSCC Annual Report.v2