

RESOLUTION No. 16-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ORANJESTAD, ARUBA AND INVITING THE CITIZENS OF BOTH CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL, DIPLOMATIC, EDUCATIONAL AND BILATERAL TRADE ACTIVITIES IN THE HOPE THAT SAID COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL LEAD TO A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF DORAL AND ORANJESTAD; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International (“Sister Cities”) is non-profit citizen diplomacy network that fosters programs that create relationships between municipalities in the United States and international communities, for the exchange of cultural, educational, business, and other information for the mutual benefit of the linked communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the “City”) supports the mission of Sister Cities, has participated in the forming of these relationships, and expects to continue to do so in the future through the “Doral Sister Cities Program”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral and the City of Oranjestad, Aruba, seek to develop a Sister City relationship and formalize the links of friendship between the two cities in order to encourage communication and camaraderie, promote cultural interaction and stimulate economic benefits to both cities; and

WHEREAS, Oranjestad and Doral are renowned for their robust economies, their stated commitments to cutting edge technology and sustainability, a shared focus on higher education and a desire to encourage and promote cultural richness; and

WHEREAS, The City of Doral is linked to Oranjestad through commerce, culture, education, technology, trade, and tourism, facilitated by frequent flights that connect the

two cities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Doral will be the home of the Little Aruba Village project, a green/Leed development project that will include a high-end retail component featuring top Aruban products, a restaurant and curated cultural performance venue, a drive-through fast-food establishment, a fashion retailer, a brewery and “embassy-like” offices facilitating trade and tourism and serving as a model for the promotion of the Aruban brand to the United States and Europe; and

WHEREAS, in January 2016, a letter of intent approved by the Doral City Council was delivered to the Prime Minister of Aruba, establishing a clear mutual interest in pursuing the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister’s office has proposed a signing ceremony in Doral in early May, based on the dates of the Prime Minister’s planned visit to South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to invite and encourage the citizens of both cities to participate in cultural, diplomatic, educational and bilateral trade activities in the hope of creating a lasting friendship between the people of Doral and Oranjestad; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that this relationship will advance economic development and quality of life and otherwise be in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted,

and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The Mayor and City Council, on behalf of the City of Doral, hereby extends an invitation to the government and people of the City of Oranjestad, Aruba to establish and participate in an active Sister City relationship and corresponding cooperative activities for the purpose of stimulating greater trade relations and encouraging increased exchanges in the areas of art, culture, education and municipal cooperation.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such additional action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provision of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Ruiz who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Absent/Excused
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of April, 2016.


LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE
OF THE CITY OF DORAL


WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE, & BIERMAN, PL
CITY ATTORNEY