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La Palma Considers Sister City Relationship With Hanam, Korea

LA PALMA, Calif. – The City of La Palma recently sent a letter to the Mayor of Hanam, Korea, to discuss the possibility of forming a Sister City relationship between the two cities. The City of Hanam is located east of Seoul, was designated a city in 1989, is 36 square miles, and has a population of 128,000. Nearly 18 percent of the La Palma residents come from Korean Heritage.

At its April 15 City Council meeting, the La Palma City Council appointed Sung and Susie Kim to act as La Palma delegates to the City of Hanam as the cities explore forming a sister city relationship. Mr. and Mrs. Kim read and write the Korean language and travel regularly to the greater Seoul area.

As envisioned, the Sister City program would be entirely staffed and run through a yet to be formed independent, non-profit foundation. The foundation would be responsible to raise their own funds and write their own bylaws. No public dollars would be given to the foundation; however, a minimal amount of City staff time would be necessary to coordinate activities and programs with the foundation. La Palma residents that are interested in participating in the formation of the sister city foundation are encouraged to contact Mayor G. Henry Charoen's office at (714) 690-3333.

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 16,081 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 53 part-time employees.

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