Envision a World Where Cities Define Themselves in the Language of Peace.

Imagine a world of villages and towns dedicated to expanding their local peace economy and encouraging a global culture of peace. Safety, prosperity, and quality of life are universal values that bring peace to our lives.

Though the news is clogged with images of violence, we look to our communities and cities for what is really happening on our planet — teachers teaching, mothers nurturing, artists creating, sports figures inspiring kids, peace officers keeping us safe, people working in their neighborhoods — the cause of peace is carried by billions of people celebrating life and working for a better world.

First and foremost in this global adventure toward peace is to reject violence and define ourselves as people of peace. The International Cities of Peace initiative is creating a network of communities that, by history, resolution, or proclamation, are doing just this — self-defining themselves as official Cities of Peace.

This can't be done in a polarized environment where the world is split into culprits and victims. This redefinition will require building a consensus network of business, government and community leaders who value safety, prosperity, and quality of life.

VISION:
To foster peace as a consensus value in Cities of Peace around the world.

~Lao-Tse, b. 604 BCE (from Tao Te Ching)