

INTERNATIONAL CITIES OF PEACE

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.



IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE WORLD,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE NATIONS.

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE NATIONS,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE CITIES.

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE CITIES,
THERE MUST BE PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE HOME.

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE HOME,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE HEART.

~LAO-TSE, B. 604 BCE (FROM TAO TE CHING)



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