



City of
San Bernardino

Office of the Mayor | John Valdivia

August 10, 2021

Rudy Westervelt, PDG
Karyn Westervelt
P.O. Box 5424
Crestline, CA 92325

Re: International Cities of Peace

Dear Rudy & Karyn:

In support of the citizens of the city of San Bernardino in California, in the country of the United States, I, as Mayor, hereby acknowledge our intention to build a community City of Peace. A City of Peace as officially defined by International Cities of Peace, is a community that endeavors to make progress against violence and foster a culture of peace. A Culture of Peace is determined by the citizens of each community.

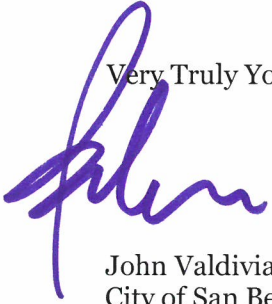
As a guideline, United Nations Resolution A/RES/52/13 defines a Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior, and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups, and nations.

For peace and non-violence to prevail, we endeavor to:

- Foster a culture of peace through education
- Promote sustainable economic and social development
- Promote respect for all human rights
- Ensure equality between women and men
- Foster democratic participation
- Advances understanding, tolerance, and solidarity
- Support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge
- Promote international peace and security

In addition to the UNESCO statement on a culture of peace, the Golden Rule (various states including “Do for others as you would have them to do for you”) provides a universal statement for compassion and respect among a community’s diverse philosophies, religions, and personal creeds.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Valdivia', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Valdivia, Mayor
City of San Bernardino