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**MEMORANDUM****City Manager Memo No. MC08-037****DATE:** JUNE 16, 2008**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL**THRU:** W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER  
PAT MCDERMOTT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**FROM:** LEAH POWELL, DIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION 4204 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM REQUESTING AN EXCHANGE WITH TULLAMORE, IRELAND

RECOMMENDATION: As requested by Councilmember Caccamo, staff brings forward for adoption Resolution 4204 supporting an application to the Sister Cities International program requesting an exchange with Tullamore, Ireland.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: Sister Cities International is a nonprofit network that strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development through partnerships between U.S. cities and communities across the globe.

The City of Chandler requires that residents interested in creating a Sister Cities program form an independent citizen group under which to create such a partnership. These groups must be responsible for fulfilling all financial and managerial requirements of such a program, and are not guaranteed financial support from the City beyond the first year's membership fee in Sister Cities International and the state chapter. However, an official Sister Cities Partnership requires a signed memorandum of understanding from the governing bodies showing ideological support for the program, and relies upon the willingness of elected officials to meet with international delegations to share experiences and ideas.

In recent months, an active citizen group has formed to begin the process of forming a Sister Cities Partnership between Chandler and the City of Tullamore, Ireland. This group presented Council with their progress to date at the June 9, 2008 City Council Study Session. In addition,

a delegate from Tullamore met with Councilmembers and staff on June 13 and confirmed that the Tullamore Town Council had voted to move forward in the Sister Cities process.

The next step in the process will be for Chandler and Tullamore to apply for membership in the Sister Cities International program. Resolution 4204 will serve as an official acknowledgment of the City's desire to further pursue the partnership and a copy will be sent to the Tullamore Town Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: For cities in the United States, Sister Cities International membership fees are based on population. The 2008 membership fee for Chandler will be \$880.00. In addition, the City will become a member of the Arizona Sister Cities organization at a fee of \$50.00. The funds to pay these memberships will be paid from account 101-1290-5810 Non-departmental Subscriptions and Memberships.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution 4204 supporting an application to the Sister Cities International program requesting an exchange with Tullamore, Ireland.

Resolution No. 4204

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE SISTER CITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM REQUESTING AN EXCHANGE WITH  
TULLAMORE, IRELAND

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona as follows:

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is the national non-profit, volunteer membership organization of U.S. communities linked globally to promote lasting friendship through a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, the strength of an active and solid Sister Cities relationship rests with the local committee and its volunteers who are willing to commit time, talent and resources to develop and implement mutual exchange projects; and

WHEREAS, a group of Chandler citizens have come forward to express a desire to build such relationships and have asked the Chandler City Council to approve the initiation of a sister cities program for the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, that we declare support of an application to the Sister Cities International program requesting the exchange city of Tullamore, Ireland and agree to provide the related initial application fee with the understanding that all other financial responsibilities will be incurred by the organizing volunteer committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

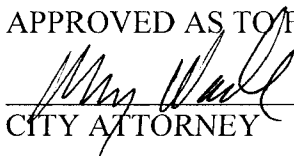
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Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 4204 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, and that a quorum was present thereat.

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY