

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose this motion. Hanoi should not be a sister city of LA. Vietnam is a repressive communist dictatorship where human rights, free expression, and due process are lacking. Elections are not free and thousands of political prisoners are held in inhumane prisons. Vietnam still permits the consumption of dogs, a barbaric practice. The motion does not mention any of these important issues. Freedom House gives Vietnam a freedom score of 19/100 (Russia is at 13/100). Why become a sister city to the capital of a nation that is a brutal dictatorship? It does not make sense, as it would only give further legitimacy to a communist dictatorship. It is bad enough that Tehran, the capital of Islamist and anti-American Iran, is also our sister city. Oppose Hanoi as a sister city. Angelenos can do better.