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The city of Hanoi is the capital city of Vietnam, which is located along the eastern edge of the Indochinese Peninsula. Hanoi is the second largest city in Vietnam (after Ho Chi Minh City) and has a population of approximately 8.6 million. The city of Hanoi accounts for 12.6 percent of Vietnam's Gross Domestic Product, and 7.5 percent of the country's total exports. Hanoi is also a center of industry and is a hub for foreign trade, agriculture, and tourism.

Like Los Angeles, Hanoi is one of the leading cultural centers in its nation. Hanoi's more than six decades of French colonization, as well as centuries of sociocultural influence from China, have influenced the city's architecture and food. Hanoi has several well-known cultural centers, including the National Museum of Vietnamese History, the Vietnam National Museum of Fine Arts, and the Hanoi Grand Opera House.

In addition to the city's distinct landmarks, the city is also home to several commercial and cultural districts, such as the Old Quarter and the French Quarter. The Old Quarter is famous for being home to a variety of craftsmen from specific trades or guilds that gather to sell their goods to merchants. The French Quarter is considered to be the political center of Vietnam due to its high concentration of government offices and embassies.

San Francisco has a Vietnamese Consulate, which can be called upon to assist in facilitating documentary and other travel/ transfer requirements to facilitate numerous Sister City exchange programs.

As a city, Hanoi faces many challenges similar to those of Los Angeles, including air quality, transit, historic preservation, economic revitalization, and tourism. Additionally, the presence of a large community of residents and business persons in Los Angeles from Vietnam makes it even more desirable to consider a linkage between Los Angeles and Hanoi. These common attributes and the rich historical and cultural heritage, make it appropriate to consider making Hanoi, Vietnam, a sister city to Los Angeles.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Council's Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee initiate the process to consider and ultimately adopt Hanoi, Vietnam, as a Sister City to Los Angeles. As part of the City's discussions to establish a sister city relationship with Hanoi, the City's representatives and negotiators should keep in mind the policy set forth in Council File 19-0002-S101.

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