

COUNCIL FOR A
PARLIAMENT OF THE
WORLD'S RELIGIONS

October 13, 2009

Supervisor David Cortese
Santa Clara County, Board of Supervisors
70 W. Hedding St., East Wing, 10th Fl.
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Supervisor Cortese:

It is our great pleasure to notify you that the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara have officially been chosen to be the Inaugural City in the Partner Cities Network of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. We congratulate you and your administration on this distinguished achievement.

The City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara have shown in word and deed that its citizens, leaders, civic institutions and government have embraced a vision of interreligious harmony and social justice that is at the core of the mission, values and work of the Parliament of the World's Religions. You have shown an exceptional level of active engagement in advancing these critically-important goals that go beyond good intentions alone. The inspired work and commitment of the Silicon Valley Partner City Group over this past year, culminating in its exemplary case study of the interreligious movement in Santa Clara County and the Profile for Admission to the global network, is to be highly commended.

On behalf of the Partner Cities Network, and the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, please accept the enclosed Proclamation, along with our esteem for the vital work you are doing.

Along with such legacy Partner Cities as Chicago, Capetown, Barcelona and Melbourne, the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara take on a key role among the great cities of the world. As we move ahead in our new century, it is cities such as yours that will lead the way in bringing about a more peaceable and just world.

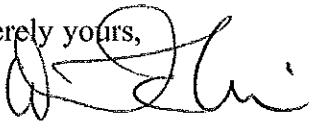
We anticipate with great joy your participation in the upcoming Parliament of Religions- Melbourne and encourage your city/county delegation to also participate in the World Mayors' Symposium that convenes before the Melbourne Parliament, December 1-3. We are proud to announce that we will be honoring the San Jose, Santa Clara County City Team- under your auspice leadership- at the Opening Plenary of the fifth modern Parliament of Religions being held on Thursday, December 3. This international plenary which will be attended by 8,000 people from 80 countries will be the defining evening for the Melbourne Parliament and will showcase your delegation along with our Legacy Partner Cities.

Your delegation will also lead a featured Partner City workshop program on Wednesday, December 4. We will have more details regarding all of this as the logistics are confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you in Melbourne in the very near future and to our continued partnership.

With every good wish as you, the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara go from strength to strength.

Sincerely yours,



Dirk Ficca, Executive Director



Zabrina Santiago, Deputy Director & Partner Cities Director

**Partner Cities Network of the
Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions
Proclamation**



WHEREAS, The City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara have a rich history of advancing the cause of social harmony, interreligious dialogue and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the City and County are home to a variety of exemplary and effective religious, civic, education and governmental groups, organizations and individuals dedicated to multi-faith cooperation; and

WHEREAS, these groups, organizations and individuals are meeting critical needs of the community in furthering education, fellowship and social action; and

WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley Partner City Group, in its Profile for Admission, has embraced the vision of interreligious understanding and global peace that is consonant with the vision, mission and work of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a more just, peaceful and sustainable world;

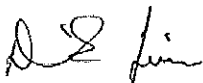
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Council for a Parliament of the World Religions, officially and with pleasure proclaim the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara to be

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joining the legacy Partner Cities of Chicago (USA), Capetown (South Africa), Barcelona (Spain) and Melbourne (Australia). We are delighted to honor the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara, and its entire delegation, at the 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions, to be held in Melbourne, Australia, December 3 – 9, 2009.

We convey our good wishes and congratulations to the people, organizations, institutions and officials of the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara, who have made this designation possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hand this fifteenth day of October in the year 2009.



Dirk Ficca, Executive Director



Zabrina Santiago, Deputy Director & Partner
Cities Director