



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 98-206

## RESOLUTION

**EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BAKU, AZERBAIJAN.**

WHEREAS, Honolulu's sister city program has resulted in the promotion of friendship, cultural appreciation, and economic interaction with various cities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and expansion of relationships under the program are imperative in contemporary times because of the increase in global communications, travel, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Council in Resolution 91-240 has adopted policies concerning the establishment of sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Council also has established by Resolution 96-166, CD1 a Sister City Task Force, one duty of which is to make recommendations on future sister cities for Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baku, the capital of the recently formed Republic of Azerbaijan, has expressed strong interest in becoming a sister city of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Baku, with a population of 2 million persons, is located near the Caspian Sea and serves as a crossroad between Europe and Asia; and

WHEREAS, as such, Baku is culturally cosmopolitan, with an ancient tradition of internationalism; and

WHEREAS, for most of the past, Baku's cosmopolitanism and internationalism have been limited to European and Asian influences because of geographic constraints; and

WHEREAS, with the recent independence of Azerbaijan and the increased ease of global travel and communications, Baku now wants to extend its interaction beyond Europe and Asia; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Task Force has recommended that a sister city relationship be established with Baku; and



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WHEREAS, the Council finds that the recommendation should be approved because such a relationship will be consistent with the following criteria of Resolution 91-240:

- (1) The relationship will offer educational and technological assistance mutually beneficial to the businesses, industries, and labor force of both cities; and
- (2) The relationship will recognize common bonds based on cosmopolitanism and internationalism that should benefit the citizens of both cities and serve to promote the exchange of information and values;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Clerk is directed to extend the Council's invitation to the City of Baku, Azerbaijan to establish a sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon acceptance of this invitation by Baku, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Baku to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement is requested to be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of Baku and Mayor of Honolulu.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Mufi Hannemann* (BR)

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Councilmembers

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**JUL 24 1998**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

ATTEST:

*Genevieve G. Wong*  
**GENEVIEVE G. WONG**  
 City Clerk

*Mufi Hannemann*  
**MUFI HANNEMANN**  
 CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 8/5/98

ADOPTED MEETING HELD			
8/5/98			
	AYE	NO	A/E
BAINUM	X		
DeSOTO	X		
FELIX	X		
HOLMES	X		
KIM			1
MANSHO	X		
MIRIKITANI	X		
YOSHIMURA	X		
HANNEMANN	X		
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Reference:

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