

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**Voting Members**

Romy M. Cachola, Chair, Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair,  
Ikaika Anderson, Tom Berg, Stanley Chang, Tulsi Gabbard, Nestor R. Garcia, Ann H. Kobayashi,  
Ernest Y. Martin

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Committee Meeting Held  
January 10, 2012

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs, which considered Resolution 12-9 entitled:

"RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH  
NAGAOKA, JAPAN,"

introduced on January 4, 2012, reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a sister city relationship with the city of Nagaoka, Japan.

The Director of the Office of Economic Development testified in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee amended the Resolution to make the following corrections in the third WHEREAS clause:

- A. The inception of the sister city program was more than 50 years ago;
- B. The city has 27 current sister city relationships; and
- C. The city has sister city relationships with four cities in Japan.

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Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 12-9, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 12-9, CD1. (Ayes: Cachola, Anderson, Berg, Chang, Gabbard, Garcia, Harimoto, Kobayashi, Martin - 9; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Committee Chair

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 26



## RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH NAGAOKA, JAPAN.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240 established guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships, as amended by Resolution 03-52; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the sister city program more than fifty years ago, Honolulu has established sister city ties with 27 international cities, of which four are cities in Japan: Hiroshima, Naha City, Tokyo, and Uwajima; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka is located on the Sea of Japan in the central part of the Niigata Prefecture; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka has a longstanding relationship with Honolulu, having participated with the Honolulu Festival Foundation in helping to promote the music, art and culture of the people of Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nagaoka shares cultural similarities with Honolulu, and a large portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to Japan; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka continues to send goodwill delegations to Honolulu to strengthen its relationship with Honolulu and to promote business between our two nations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu believes that these cultural ties and the mutual economic opportunities offered by Nagaoka and Honolulu serve as a strong foundation for a close sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu is interested in establishing a sister city relationship with Nagaoka; now, therefore,

ATTACHMENT TO CR-26



**RESOLUTION**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a sister city relationship with the city of Nagaoka, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Nagaoka to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolutions 91-240 and 03-52, as amended; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Mayor of Nagaoka, Japan.

INTRODUCED BY:

Romy Cachola (B/R)

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 4, 2012  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers