



July 17, 2019

4th US -China Mayor's Summit

Sister Cities International Annual Conference

"Cities Mean Business"

Houston, Texas July 17-19, 2019

40 Years Ahead: Stronger Friendship, Closer Cooperation

8:30-9:15 Opening Ceremony and Welcome

MC: Carol Robertson Lopez
 Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Chair of Sister Cities International
 Official of CPAFFC
 Officials of the US Dept of State and PRC MFA
 Mayor of Houston and Mayor of Shenzhen

9:15-9:45 Keynote Speech by CICS Official, China Investment Corporation, invited

9:45-10:45 Panel- Innovation and Smart Cities: How Cities in China and the United States are enhancing competitiveness through technology, creativity and innovation and protecting the urban environment

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Panel- Maritime Silk Road and Impact: Highlighting Sister Cities relationships including Tacoma/Fuzhou, Houston/Shenzhen, Oklahoma City/Haikou and documenting the impact over time

12 to 1:30 LUNCHEON Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China

MC: Roger-Mark De Souza, President and CEO Sister Cities International
 Top Official of CPAFFC
 Tim Quigley, Chair, SCI Foundation, US China Endowment
 Cultural Offering

1:30-2:30 Panel- San Francisco Bay Area Council (BAC)/Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Development and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Development. Case Studies in Metroplex communities collaboration to advance economic development with new partnerships

2:30-3:30 Panel- Educational Exchanges: Opportunities, Challenges and Innovations in today's world.

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:45 Panel- Energizing Sister Cities Relationships between US and China: Case studies on successful partnerships, documenting impacts on local communities; best practices; how to overcome challenges, and potential areas for strategic growth. Self Introduction of Cities seeking new sister cities relationships.

4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks on Summit and Announcement of Future Meetings