

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY PROJECT CORPORATION**

I

The name of this corporation shall be
BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY PROJECT CORPORATION

II

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

(a) The general purposes are charitable and educational and shall be to encourage and increase World understanding, and further friendly relations with other countries on a person to person basis.

(b) The specific purposes are to provide for the reception, entertainment, feeding and lodging of guests of the City of Bakersfield under its Sister City Program, provide for the gift or exchange of samples of goods, products and merchandise produced in the City of Bakersfield to its Sister City, and to promote a closer relationship between the City of Bakersfield and its Sister City by advertising, exchanges, public appearances and other public information and relations activities.

III

The powers of this corporation are:

- (a) To sue and be sued
- (b) Execute contracts on its behalf
- (c) Receive property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and otherwise acquire and hold all property, real or personal, including shares of stock, bonds, and securities of corporations
- (d) Act as trustees under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation, and receive, hold, administer, and expend funds and property subject to such trust
- (e) Convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust, or otherwise dispose of all property, real or personal
- (f) Borrow money, contract debts, issue notes, and secure payment or performance of its obligations
- (g) Do all acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation.

IV

The corporation shall be organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California.

V

The county in this State where the principal office for the transaction of business of this corporation is located is Kern County.

VI

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Richard O. Tigner	1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield
2. Vera K. Gibson	1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield
3. Rex O. Williams	2130 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield

VII

The authorized number and qualifications of members of the corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

VIII

The authorized number and qualifications of directors of the corporation shall be set forth in the bylaws.

IX

This corporation is not authorized to issues shares of stock.

X

The name of the existing unincorporated association hereby being incorporated and to which this corporation is the successor is the Bakersfield Sister City Project People to People Steering Committee.

XI

The bylaws of this corporation may be adopted by the directors named in the Articles of Incorporation. Such bylaws must be consistent with the purposes enumerated herein and consistent with the laws of the State of California under which this corporation is incorporated, and may be there after amended or repealed by any means provided in the bylaws.

XII

This corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. Upon winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the City of Bakersfield for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes. If this corporation holds any assets on trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court in the county in which this corporation's principal office is located, upon petition therefore by the Attorney general or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being Chairman (Presiding Officer) and Secretary, of the Bakersfield Sister City Project People to People Steering Committee, an unincorporated association which is being incorporated hereby, have executed these articles of incorporation this 28th day of October, 1965.

Richard O. Tigner, Chairman and Presiding Officer
Bakersfield Sister City Project People to People
Steering Committee, an Unincorporated Association

Vera K. Gibson, Secretary
Bakersfield Sister City Project People to People
Steering Committee, an Unincorporated Association

