



Sister City Agreement
Between
The City of Dakar in Senegal, West Africa
And the
City of Washington, DC in the United State of America

Background:

The City of Washington, DC (hereinafter referred to as "District of Columbia") and the City of Dakar (hereinafter referred to as "City of Dakar") have mutually agreed to enter into a new Protocol of Exchange (hereinafter referred to as "Sister City Agreement") that will enhance friendship and cooperation between both cities. This Sister City Agreement will build upon the twinning relationship signed by Marion Barry Jr., Mayor of Washington, DC and Ibrahima Kone, Mayor of the City of Dakar, including the urban communities' englobing Dakar, Pikine, Rufisque, and Barngy, on April 7, 1980.

Both cities will exchange best practice information and cooperation on activities in areas of citizen engagement in public policy, economic trade and investment promotion, education, information technology, and also sports and cultural exchange.

Under this Agreement, the Mayor of the City of Dakar, Pape Diop, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Anthony A. Williams, have agreed to further the mutual interests and goals of both cities to benefit the citizens of Dakar and the District of Columbia.

General Demographic Information

The City of Dakar, with an estimated population of 2,000,000 is the national capital of Senegal in West Africa. Under the current local government structure, the City of Dakar possesses greater management and oversight responsibility for the operations of the city services.

The City of Washington, DC, is comprised of approximately 640,000 people and is the capital city of the United States. The District of Columbia is unique in that it operates as a city, county, state, and the seat of the federal government. When the U.S. Congress chartered the present city government in 1973, it retained the power to review legislation passed by the Council of the District of Columbia, to control policy through a review of the budget; and reserved its own authority to legislate for the District.

Under this Agreement, both Cities hereby agree to the following:

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Article 1

Both Cities agree to exchange ideas and joint strategies on citizen engagement in public policy. They will share best practices to encourage and promote their respective citizen's participation and involvement in the public policy and strategic planning process to improve the quality of life of the residents of both cities. These practices might include, but not limited to: (1) establishing partnerships between public, private, and non-governmental and non-profit organizations in both cities: and pursuing financial and technical support from public-private partnership resources to achieve their respective citywide, neighbor, and communities.

Article 2

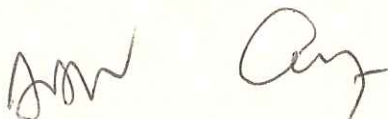
Both Cities shall exchange ideas and practices on economic trade and investment promotion. They will share strategies that might include, but are not limited to meeting with key business, government, and tourism officials to explore opportunities for joint ventures and trade between both cities. Both cities shall maintain timely and close contacts between their respective representatives, and their chambers of commerce and appropriate business leaders and organizations. They shall exchange information and promotional materials between their respective hotel and travel associations for increasing overall tourism, business opportunities, and other appropriate trade and investment ventures.

Article 3

Both Cities shall exchange ideas and practices on education exchange. They will share strategies and establish relationships between their respective school systems to promote learning of language, literature, and other appropriate academic studies between the youth and teachers of both cities. These strategies might include, but not limited to: (1) establishing of partnerships between the District of Columbia Public School System (DCPS) and selected Dakar English Clubs to encourage greater communication and exchange programs between our students and teachers.

Article 4

Both Cities shall exchange and work collaboratively on information technology issues to promote and enhance public administration, and digital solidarity between their respective government officials and constituencies. Joint discussions on technology applications and systems might include, but are not limited to: (1) best demonstrated practices for selecting and implementing effective information technologies; (2) electronic government architectures and systems applications for administering government projects and municipal business processes; and (3) information sharing on effective policies and procedures for managing geographic information systems and enhancing our respective cities' communication centers. They shall encourage regular contact and information sharing meetings between key private and public information technology experts in the City of Dakar and the District of Columbia respectively.

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Article 5

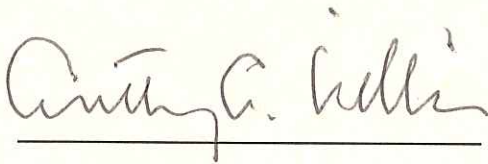
Both Cities shall share ideas and best practices on sports and cultural exchange. They will conduct mutually beneficial sports and cultural activities to promote greater appreciation and understanding of their respective art, culture, and music forms and leaders. They shall discuss strategies that might include, but not limited to meeting with key artisans, musicians, and sport personalities to explore opportunities for hosting cultural and sports activities in both cities.

Article 6

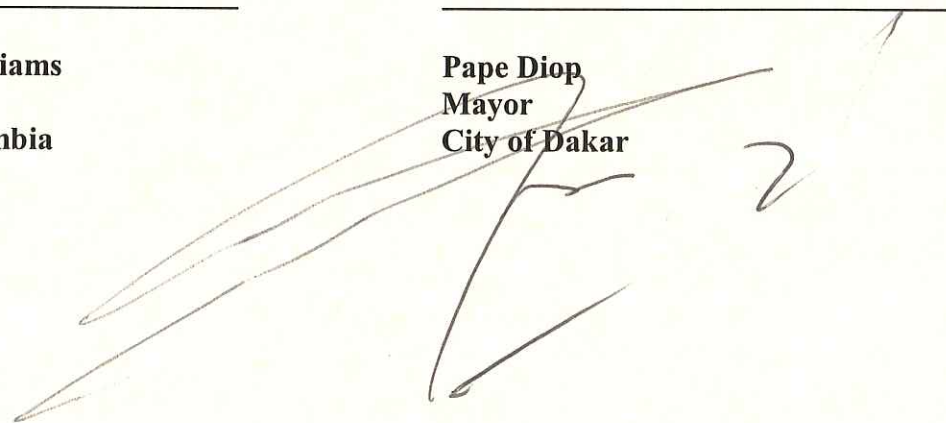
Both Cities agree to exchange ideas and joint strategies to promote effective best practices, cooperation and management systems of their respective urban services. They will collaborate on strategies to enhance their respective public road, solid waste, and waste water treatment systems. They shall discuss strategies that might include, but not limited to effective systems to collect and dispose of residential and commercial trash, management of street litter, and waste water treatment facilities. Both Cities shall encourage regular contact and information sharing meetings between key government and non-government experts in the City of Dakar and the District of Columbia respectively.

This Agreement will be implemented for a period not to exceed five-years and will take effect on the date of its signature.

Signed in the City of Dakar on MAY 12, 2006 in the French and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia



Pape Diop
Mayor
City of Dakar