



## Legislation Text

File #: 22-1666, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Establishing Sister Cities Relationship

**Purpose:** Benefit from cultural and economic exchanges.

**City/State/Country:** Abobo, Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire, Africa

**Sponsor(s):** Council Member, Luis A. Quintana

**Additional Information:**

Sister Cities Agreement Signing Ceremony was held on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 2:30 P.M., in the Council Chamber.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark (the "City") acknowledges the great benefits to all residents from cultural and economic exchanges with other municipalities and towns from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has established a Sister Cities Program to facilitate such cultural and economic exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a culturally diverse population, which includes a growing number of immigrants from Africa's Gold Coast, including Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and the Republique of Côte D'Ivoire, Africa, formerly known as the Ivory Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, Abobo, Abidjan, Republique De Côte D'Ivoire, Africa the most populated area of the thirteen (13) municipalities that make up the Autonomous District of Abidjan, the economic capital of the Republique of Côte D'Ivoire; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of immigrants from Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire currently reside in the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan Area and desire to work with the City to develop and enhance a link with their homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City feels that it is befitting to establish a meaningful relationship with African countries and their cities because of the large influx of natives, which have moved into the Newark Metropolitan Region bringing with them an extremely rich cultural heritage and economic resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Municipal Council on behalf of the people of the City of Newark does hereby extend an invitation to the government and the people of Abobo, Abidjan, Republique De Côte D'Ivoire, Africa, to participate with the City of Newark as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two (2) communities.

2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies this Resolution to the date of this authorizing Resolution.
3. Copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Governing Body of Abobo, Abidjan, Republique De Côte D'Ivoire, Africa and the Honorable Mayor Kandia K. Camara.

**STATEMENT**

This Resolution invites the citizens of the City of Abobo, Abidjan, Republique De Côte D'Ivoire, Africa, to join the City of Newark's Sister Cities Program.