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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

**2018****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JANUARY 1**, 2018, and ending **DECEMBER 31**, 20 **18**

**B** Check if applicable:  
☐ Address change  
☒ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Final return/terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**SISTER CITIES LAWRENCE**  
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**PO BOX 731**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**LAWRENCE, KS 66044**

**D** Employer identification number  
**48-1136430**

**E** Telephone number  
**785-331-7589**

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**I** Website: ▶

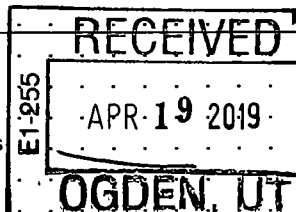
**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**K** Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☒ Other **ORGANIZATION**

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	78,676	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c			
6	Gaming and fundraising events:				
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b			
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c			
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b			
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	78,676		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10			
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12			
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13			
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14			
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15			
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	82,496		
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	82,496		
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-3,820		
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	95,820		
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20			
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	91,826		



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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
<b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O . . . . .		✓
<b>34</b> Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions . . . . .	✓	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .		✓
<b>36</b> Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .		✓
<b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ <b>37a</b> _____		
<b>b</b> Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		✓
<b>38a</b> Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . . <b>38b</b> _____		
<b>39</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . <b>39a</b> _____		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . . <b>39b</b> _____		
<b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____; section 4912 ▶ _____; section 4955 ▶ _____		
<b>b</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . . . ▶ _____		
<b>d</b> Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ _____		
<b>e</b> All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T . . . . .		✓
<b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <b>KANSAS</b>		
<b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of ▶ <b>MICHELLE FALES</b> Telephone no. ▶ <b>785-331-7589</b> Located at ▶ <b>469 LOU LOU, LAWRENCE, KANSAS</b> ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>66049</b>		
<b>b</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		✓
<b>c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		✓
<b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ <b>43</b> _____		
<b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? . . . . .		✓
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .		✓
<b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions . . . . .		✓

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .

	Yes	No
46		✓

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . . ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .

	Yes	No
47		✓

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .

	Yes	No
48		✓

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .

	Yes	No
49a		✓

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .

	Yes	No
49b		✓

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶

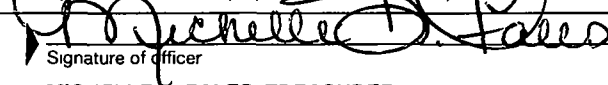
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here  Date 4/15/19  
 Signature of officer  
 MICHELLE D. FALES, TREASURER  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name N/A	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶		Phone no.	
Firm's address ▶				

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2018**

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Name of the organization

SISTER CITIES LAWRENCE

Employer identification number

481136430

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state.
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university.
- 10 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2018.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.  
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	FILED 990 N	FILED 990N	89564	72863	78676	241103
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	N/A	N/A	89564	72863	78676	241103
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . . .	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						241103

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	N/A	N/A	89564	72863	78676	241103
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .	N/A	N/A	89564	72863	78676	241103
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	100 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	99 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	0 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	1 %

- 19a 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support tests—2018.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%, and line 17 is not more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☒
- b 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support tests—2017.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%, and line 18 is not more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☒
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. ☐

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>11a</b>		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>11b</b>		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>11c</b>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
<b>1</b>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
<b>3</b>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.			
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.			
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI</b> identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
<b>2a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
<b>2b</b>			
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .			
<b>3a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.			
<b>3b</b>			

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A—Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section B—Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>		
<b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by .035.	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section C—Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1.	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>		
<b>6 Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

Section D—Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes		
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity		
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations		
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets		
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)		
6	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.		
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.		
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.		
9	Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6		
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount		

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required—explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013 . . . . .			
b From 2014 . . . . .			
c From 2015 . . . . .			
d From 2016 . . . . .			
e From 2017 . . . . .			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2019.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2014 . . .			
b Excess from 2015 . . .			
c Excess from 2016 . . .			
d Excess from 2017 . . .			
e Excess from 2018 . . .			

**Part VI** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Area for supplemental information with horizontal dashed lines.

## AMENDMENT TO ENTITY

The current name of the registered entity: **Sister Cities Advisory Board**

The entity formation: **Nonprofit Organization/Entity**

The Business ID number issued by the Kansas Secretary of State:

Tax Identification Number: 48-1136430

The date of formation of the entity: June 16, 1987

### **1. Amended Name**

This amendment changes the articles of organization of above named entity. The articles are amended to read as follows:

Name change to: **Sister Cities Lawrence**

Registered Agent: The registered agent is an individual resident of the state of Kansas.

Registered agent is: **William Keel**

The person executing this instrument affirms that the person designated as the registered agent has consented to serve as registered agent.

Address for Entity:

**P.O. Box 731, Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

### **Effectiveness of Filing:**

The name change is effective upon both: The majority approval of the membership of said entity, and when the name change is filed in the office of the Kansas Secretary of State.

### Execution

The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized under the provisions of law governing the entity to execute this instrument.

Date: 5/16/18

By: [Signature]

Print Name: William D. Keel

Title: Chair

Notary:

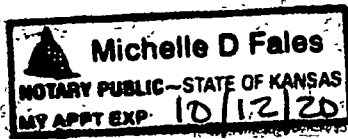
State of Kansas

County of Douglas

Witnessed this 16th day of May 2018 by William D. Keel

Chair of Sister Cities Lawrence, previously known as Sister Cities Advisory Board.

(SEAL)



[Signature]  
Notary signature

## Not For Profit Articles of Incorporation

**The name of the corporation:**

Sister Cities Lawrence, Association

File date: 05/29/2018

File time: 12:31:19

Business Entity Number: 9045923

**Registered office in Kansas:**

1906 Barker  
Lawrence, Kansas  
66046

**Name of the resident agent at the registered office:**

William Keel

**Mailing address for official mail:**

Michelle Fales  
PO Box 731  
Lawrence, KS  
66044 USA

**The nature or purpose of the business entity:**

The purpose of this business entity is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the entity may be organized under the laws of Kansas.

**This corporation will not have the authority to issue stock. The conditions of the membership are set in the bylaws.**

**Will the powers of the incorporator(s) terminate upon filing the articles of incorporation?**

No

**Expiration date of the corporate existence:**

Perpetual

**Tax closing month:**

December

**Incorporator information:**

Michelle Fales  
415 Gertie  
Lawrence KS  
66044 USA

William Keel  
1906 Barker  
Lawrence KS  
66046 USA

**"I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct."**

Execution date: 05/29/2018

**The signature(s) of the incorporator(s):**

Michelle Fales  
Michelle Fales

William Keel  
William Keel



I, Kris W. Kobach, Secretary of State of Kansas, do hereby certify that this is the true and correct copy of the original document filed electronically on 05/29/2018.

Kris W. Kobach

**Kansas Secretary of State**

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## **SISTER CITIES LAWRENCE**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

Section I. Name: The name of this organization shall be **SISTER CITIES LAWRENCE**.

#### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of Sister Cities Lawrence is educational and charitable, having the following objectives:

- a) To encourage the people of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and the people of similar cities of foreign nations to acquire a consciousness of each other, to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, as citizens of their country and as part of the family of nations
- b) To foster as a consequence of such knowledge and consciousness a continuing relationship of mutual concern between the people of the City of Lawrence and the people of similar cities of other nations.
- c) To undertake any activities and programs as will provide to one another appropriate aid and comfort, education and mutual understanding.
- d) To participate as an organization in the promoting, fostering and publicizing of local, state and national programs of international municipal cooperation organizations, and thereby to encourage other organizations and residents of U.S. communities to engage and participate in such programs, to foster and promote friendly relations and mutual understanding between peoples of U.S. communities and peoples of friendly nations outside of the United States of America, and to act as a coordinating body, committee or agency among those organizations, groups and individuals desiring to engage and engaging in the activities of such international municipal cooperation organizations.
- e) Sister Cities Lawrence also has such powers as are now or may hereafter be granted by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the Internal Revenue Service.

#### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 1. Non-Discrimination Clause:**

Sister Cities Lawrence does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, sexual orientation or disability.

##### **Section 2. Individual Membership:**

Membership in Sister Cities Lawrence shall be open to any individual residing or working in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, or vicinity. An Individual Member shall have one vote in deliberations of Sister Cities

Lawrence.

### Section 3. Family Membership:

Membership in Sister Cities Lawrence shall be open to a family group residing or working in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, or vicinity. A Family Member shall have two votes in deliberations of Sister Cities Lawrence.

### Section 4. Corporate Membership:

Membership in Sister Cities Lawrence shall be open to any organization or business enterprise in the United States that endorses the purpose of Sister Cities Lawrence. A Corporate Member shall designate one official representative to attend meetings and functions of Sister Cities Lawrence, who shall have the rights and privileges of an Individual Member, and who shall be registered annually with the treasurer.

### Section 5. Membership Dues:

Any individual, family, organization or corporate entity meeting the requirements of Article III, Section 2, 3, or 4, may be admitted to the membership of Sister Cities Lawrence by acceptance of the membership application by the Treasurer of Sister Cities Lawrence, and upon payment of the membership dues as determined on an annual basis by the Governing Board.

### Section 6. Affiliation of members with a Friends Group:

6.1. Each formal Sister City relationship of Lawrence, Kansas, shall be supported by a Friends Group. At present, there are three such groups:

Friends of Eutin;  
Friends of Hiratsuka; and  
Friends of Iniades.

6.2. Each individual, family or corporate member of Sister Cities Lawrence shall affiliate with one or more of these Friends Groups at the time of membership application.

6.3. Each Friends Group shall select a chair of that Friends Group and hold two meetings annually as well as attend to the other affairs regarding the sister-city relationship with their respective city.

## ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

### Section 1. Regular Meetings:

A regular meeting of the members of Sister Cities Lawrence shall be held annually at a time and place to be announced one month in advance, for the purpose of electing members to serve on the Governing Board and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

### Section 2. Notice of Regular Meeting:

The Chair shall direct the Secretary to give members one month's notice of a regular meeting by mail or

e-mail, stating in such notice the time, place and business to be transacted at said meeting. In case the office of the Secretary be vacant, any member of the Governing Board or person designated by the Chair may mail or e-mail the notice of meeting to members.

### Section 3. Special Meetings:

Special meetings of members may be called at any time by the vote of the majority of the members of the Governing Board or upon petition to the Secretary by one-fifth of the members. At special meetings of the members, only such business as stated in the call for such meeting shall be transacted. The Secretary shall give the members ten days' notice of such meeting by mail or e-mail therein stating time, place and the business to be transacted at the special meeting.

### Section 4. Quorum:

At any meeting of the members, members present in person shall constitute a quorum for all purposes including the election of the Governing Board except when otherwise provided by law.

## ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD

### Section 1. Numbers:

The affairs of Sister Cities Lawrence shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by a Governing Board consisting of ten (10) members as follows:

Mayor of Lawrence or Mayor's designee (Honorary Chair), Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two members at-large, and one representative from each of the three Friends Groups.

### Section 2. Qualifications:

Those persons elected to serve on the Governing Board must be members of Sister Cities Lawrence and must continue to be a member in good standing during their term of office. Those persons representing one of the Friends Groups must also be affiliated with that Friends Group.

### Section 3. Compensation:

The members of the Governing Board shall receive no compensation from Sister Cities Lawrence.

### Section 4. Term of Office:

The members of the Governing Board (except the Honorary Chair) shall be elected for a three-year term and each shall hold such office until their successors are elected. Each term of office shall commence at the beginning of a calendar year.

**Exception:** The term of the members of the Governing Board elected at the first membership meeting following adoption of these Bylaws shall be as follows:

Chair, Vice-Chair and the representative of Friends of Eutin shall be elected for a three-year

term.

Treasurer, Secretary and the representative of Friends of Hiratsuka shall be elected to a two-year term.

The two members at-large and the representative of Friends of Iniades shall be elected to a one-year term.

#### Section 5. Election:

5.1. The members of the Governing Board shall be elected by the members of Sister Cities Lawrence at the first regular meeting following adoption of these Bylaws and thereafter, election of members of the Governing Board shall be held at the annual regular meeting of the membership.

5.2. Prior to such regular meeting of the membership, a nominating committee appointed by the Chair shall solicit members to be considered for election to all positions on the Governing Board to be filled that represent the entire membership. The slate of nominees compiled by the nominating committee may not be amended at the regular meeting.

5.3. The members shall then elect by paper ballot or voice vote those members of the Governing Board nominated for election. A simple majority is required for election.

5.4. Each Friends Group shall also elect their respective representative to serve on the Governing Board at the annual meeting. A simple majority is required for election.

#### Section 6. Vacancies:

6.1. Vacancies in the board shall be filled from the membership or the appropriate Friends Group by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Governing Board and such person filling the vacancy shall hold office until the expiration of the term being filled.

6.2. A position on the Governing Board may be deemed vacant if the member has not attended three consecutive meetings of the Governing Board without excuse.

#### Section 7. Regular Meetings:

Regular meetings of the Governing Board shall be held monthly.

#### Section 8. Special Meetings:

The Chair, when he/she deems necessary, or three members of the board, shall call a special meeting of the Governing Board and each call for a special meeting shall be in writing or by e-mail, giving 48 hours' notice to members of the Governing Board and stating the purpose of the meeting.

#### Section 9. Quorum:

Five members of the Governing Board shall constitute a quorum.

#### Section 10. Powers and Duties of Members of the Governing Board

a) The Governing Board shall have the power to conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of Sister Cities Lawrence.

b) The Governing Board shall maintain a complete record of all its business transactions, its minutes, acts and proceedings of the members and present a full statement at the regular annual meeting of the members, showing in detail the condition of the affairs of Sister Cities Lawrence.

#### ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Lawrence or the Mayor's designee shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Governing Board of Sister Cities Lawrence with full voting rights and serve as the Honorary Chair, with said membership dues waived.

Section 2. All other officers of Sister Cities Lawrence shall be elected at the annual meeting by the membership of Sister Cities Lawrence, as provided herein.

Section 3. Officers of Sister Cities Lawrence shall be the Honorary-Chair, a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 4. Officers shall receive no compensation as salary from Sister Cities Lawrence, but may receive expenses for special activities in behalf of Sister Cities Lawrence and such special expenses shall be upon authorization of the Governing Board.

#### Section 5. Powers and Duties of Officers:

5.1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Board and members. The Chair shall sign, as Chair, all certificates of membership and all contracts and other instruments.

5.2. The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of Chair in his/her absence and assume such duties assigned from time to time by the Governing Board.

5.3. The Secretary shall keep records and minutes of all Governing Board and membership meetings; be custodian of the corporate seal; keep the membership book showing the name of each member and pertinent information relative to each member; sign, where required, all corporate papers in conjunction with the Chair.

5.4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of Sister Cities Lawrence depositing such funds in banks designated by the Governing Board. Disburse funds only as prescribed by the Governing Board and in no instance, other than petty cash, except by bank, bearing the signature of either the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Friends Groups: There shall be a Friends Group for each of the sister cities with which the City of Lawrence has a formal relationship. Each Friends Group shall be chaired by an elected representative from within the membership of that Friends Group and shall have the primary responsibility for developing a program with its sister city in furtherance of the purposes established by Sister Cities

Lawrence. The Chair of the Governing Board shall serve as ex-officio member of each Friends Group.

Section 2. Standing Committees: The Chair may appoint a chair to such of the following standing committees as needed, with the approval of the Governing Board: Membership Development, Media Relations and Website, Scholarship Fundraiser, Scholarships, Chaperone, and Audit. Each committee chair shall serve for the calendar year and may be reappointed by the Chair.

Section 3. Ad-Hoc Committees: The Chair shall have the power to call for the establishment of ad-hoc committees for such occasions as, for example, the annual election of members of the Governing Board (nominating committee) and the selection of additional sister cities (city selection committee).

#### ARTICLE VIII: ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January.

Section 2. Financial Records: Financial records shall be open for inspection upon the reasonable request of any member. A complete statement of receipts and expenditures, year to date, shall be presented at the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the members or at any other meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of a majority of a quorum at a meeting duly called. The written assent of a majority of the membership is effectual to repeal or amend any Bylaws or to adopt additional Bylaws without the necessity of a formal membership meeting.

ADOPTED: