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***Sister Cities International* Board of Directors approves Mae Ferguson as Texas State Coordinator**

WASHINGTON, DC – Sister Cities International Board of Directors approved Ms. Mae Ferguson of Fort Worth as the State Coordinator for Texas. In her new role, Ms. Ferguson will spearhead Texas' international exchanges and programs. Her vast leadership experience will help facilitate positive economic impact for the state through its sister city relationships.

Ms. Ferguson is president and CEO of Fort Worth Sister Cities International where she manages a budget of \$1.6 million. She oversees all program activities with Fort Worth's 8 international partners. Ms. Ferguson also serves on *Sister Cities International's* human resources, development, advocacy, and governance committees.

Ms. Ferguson has previously been associated with the Child Study Center Foundation, the All Saints Health Foundation, and the American Heart Association. She has lived in Italy for 2 years and is widely traveled.

State Coordinators are dedicated and experienced sister cities program volunteers. They serve as a resource at the local level to provide professional assistance and help, with support provided by *Sister Cities International*, to member communities in their state; and assist communities wishing to maintain or establish a sister city.

**About *Sister Cities International***

*Sister Cities International* facilitates nearly 2,000 partnerships in 136 countries on six continents between 600 communities in the United States with similar municipalities abroad. *Sister Cities International* represents citizen diplomats who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and cultural understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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