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Supervisor Phil Serna Leads Sacramento Delegation to China

Visit marks 30th anniversary of Sacramento-Jinan Sister City Relationship

Sacramento, CA – Chairman of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Phil Serna announced that he is leading a delegation on a visit to the City of Jinan on August 23, 2015 in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Sacramento-Jinan Sister City Relationship.

The trip is sponsored by the Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC). In honor of the 30th anniversary, Serna was invited to lead the delegation as a tribute to his late father, Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., who also led a delegation to China in 1994. The 30-member delegation includes Serna; former Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo; Darrel Woo, President, Sacramento City Unified School Board; Tu Carroz, Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District; Ting Lan Sun, member of the California State Board of Education and Executive Director of Natomas Charter School (NCS) and several teachers and students of NCS; JSSCC board members, community leaders and citizen ambassadors from the Greater Sacramento region.

“I am honored to represent Sacramento and its great diversity to the people of China, and I look forward to my first visit to Asia,” said Serna. “Opportunities such as these affirm our place on the global stage as we have become an attractive partner for cultural, educational, professional, and economic exchanges that are beneficial to both regions and countries. This trip will also underscore the deep importance of our own Chinese community and their contributions to California’s rich history.”

While in Jinan, the delegation will attend the Jinan International Sister Cities Cultural Festival and meet representatives from Jinan’s other sister cities from all over the world. The delegation will also meet officials, business leaders, and citizens of Jinan, and attend the VIP reception celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Jinan-Sacramento sister-city relationship.

The Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC) was established in 1984 to foster mutual understanding, cultural awareness, and friendship between the people of Sacramento, California, USA and Jinan, Shandong Province, PRC. The JSSCC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Sacramento and is supported by donations, membership fees, and fundraising events.

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