

MEMORANDUM

May 18, 2017

TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION
Hon. Willie Adams, President
Hon. Kimberly Brandon, Vice President
Hon. Leslie Katz
Hon. Doreen Woo Ho

FROM: Elaine Forbes
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request approval for a member of the San Francisco Port Commission to travel to Osaka, Japan on July 12-16, 2017 to attend the Port of Osaka 150th Anniversary and to commemorate our 50th Anniversary sister port relationship

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve Attached Resolution

Executive Summary:

Port staff requests that the Port Commission approve President Willie Adams' travel to Osaka, Japan on July 12-16, 2017 to attend the Port of Osaka's 150th Anniversary and to commemorate our 50th anniversary as sister ports. The Sister Port relationship with the Port of Osaka was established in 1967 and was the first of San Francisco's Sister Port relationships. Port Commission President Willie Adams will accompany the Port's Maritime Deputy Director, Peter Dailey. This trip will give the Port Commissioner an opportunity to represent the Port of San Francisco at the event and meet representatives and exchange ideas from our sister ports and other Asian ports.

Background:

This year, the Port of Osaka will celebrate its 150th anniversary. The Osaka city government is organizing the Port of Osaka 150th Anniversary on July 12-16, 2017. They will celebrate this commemorative event with the sister/friendship ports of the Port of Osaka. They have invited representatives from the Port of San Francisco as well as the ports of Melbourne (Australia), Le Havre (France), Shanghai (China), Valparaiso (Chile), Busan (Korea) and Saigon (Vietnam). Ports from south, east and southeast Asian regions were also invited in order to make this event a greater opportunity for international exchange of ports.

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One of the themes of the Port of Osaka's 150th anniversary is to increase presence of the Port of Osaka through international exchanges between ports, and other measures. By meeting and exchanging ideas of port management strategies and organizational structures, the expectation is that it is possible to deepen and strengthen the trade relations among sister ports and eventually contribute to the development of global port economies and shipping industry.

The Port of San Francisco currently has 10 sister port agreements with different ports all over the world. Sister port partnerships allow both parties to share policies and best practices on port planning and building, port management and operations, environmental protection measures, port safety and security, supply chain logistics, and cruise tourism. These partnerships also encourage more trade and business opportunities between the two ports by promoting the economic and commercial benefits of doing business with the sister port. Mostly, sister port relationships are a recognition of a good relationship between ports.

The Sister Port relationship with the Port of Osaka was established in 1967 and was the first of San Francisco's Sister Port relationships. This year marks our 50th anniversary as sister ports and to commemorate the occasion, a gift exchange ceremony is scheduled during the event.

The Port of San Francisco will not incur any expenses, except for incidentals, as the Port of Osaka has graciously offered to pay for air travel, hotel accommodations and meals for Port attendees during the 3-day event.

Recommendation:

Attached for your approval is a resolution authorizing Port Commission President Willie Adams to travel to Osaka, Japan on July 12-16, 2017 to attend the Port of Osaka's 150th anniversary as well as to commemorate our 50th anniversary as sister ports.

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**PORT COMMISSION
CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23

- WHEREAS, The Port of Osaka is celebrating its 150th anniversary and the Osaka city government is organizing the 150th anniversary celebration with its sister ports on July 12-16, 2017; and
- WHEREAS, The Sister Port relationship with the Port of Osaka was established in 1967 and was the first of San Francisco's Sister Port relationships; and
- WHEREAS, This year marks our 50th anniversary as sister ports and to commemorate the occasion, a gift exchange ceremony is scheduled during the 3-day event; and
- WHEREAS, The Sister Ports program has served the Port of San Francisco as an opportunity to promote trade, exchange information and deepen cultural understanding with the participating ports; and
- WHEREAS, One of the themes of the Port of Osaka's 150th anniversary is to increase presence of the Port of Osaka through international exchanges between ports, and other measures; and
- WHEREAS, By meeting and exchanging ideas of port management strategies and organizational structures, the expectation is that it is possible to deepen and strengthen the trade relations among sister ports and eventually contribute to the development of global port economies and shipping industry; and
- WHEREAS, Port staff requests approval for Port Commission President Willie Adams to travel to Osaka, Japan to attend the Port of Osaka's 150th Anniversary as well as commemorate our 50th anniversary as sister ports; and
- WHEREAS, Port staff will not incur any expenses except for incidentals as the Port of Osaka will cover the cost of air travel, hotel accommodations and meals during the 3-day trip; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Port Commission hereby approves this travel request.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Port Commission at its meeting of May 23, 2017.

Secretary