



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 25, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the International Affairs Coordinating Council (IACC), that Quito, Ecuador, become a Sister City emeritus.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

Quito, Ecuador is one of Coral Gables' oldest Sister Cities. The relationship was established in 1976. In 2011, due to a chilling of the relationship, Quito was downgraded to "Emeritus" status by Resolution No. 2011-213 of the City Commission. After several years of no communication, there was renewed interest in restoring the Sister Cities relationship and on June 11, 2019, the City Commission voted unanimously to reinstate Quito as a Sister City (5-0 vote).

In recent years, despite the IACC's numerous attempts to connect with the government of Quito, which included getting assistance from the Trade Commission of Ecuador, there has been a lack of communication and interest from the government. On June 26, 2024, one final effort was made by Mayor Vince Lago who sent a formal letter to Mayor Pabel Munoz Lopez of Quito. To this date, there has been no response. On January 21, 2025, the IACC members voted unanimously (4-0 vote) to place Quito, Ecuador in an Emeritus status.

Financial Impact

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| N/A | | | |
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Please note that placing this sister city in emeritus status has no financial impact to the city

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Meeting Minutes

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