



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 25, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the International Affairs Coordinating Council expressing their desire for the Coral Gables City Commission to establish a Sister City relationship with the city of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

A Resolution from the International Affairs Coordinating Council requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution establishing Stellenbosch, South Africa as a Sister City of Coral Gables. (International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of October 17, 2022. Vote: 5-0).

At the regularly scheduled public meeting of October 17, 2022, the International Affairs Coordinating Council recognized receipt of the letters from Municipal Manager Geraldine Mettler and Mayor van Deventer of Stellenbosch to Mayor Vince Lago expressing mutual interest in establishing this Sister City relationship and voted unanimously to recommend Stellenbosch as a Sister City.

The City of Coral Gables does not have a Sister Cities relationship with a city outside of the Americas and Europe. Common ties exist between Stellenbosch and Coral Gables. Both municipalities are tree-lined garden cities and university towns with significant cultural and business appeal. Coral Gables Founder George Merrick commissioned acclaimed architect Marion Syms Wyeth to design a Dutch South African Village--indicative of the native Cape Dutch architecture of Stellenbosch--which has left an indelible mark on the renowned architectural landscape of Coral Gables.

This resolution of the City Commission approves establishing Stellenbosch as a Sister City of Coral Gables.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. City of Stellenbosch proposed resolution.