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**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT**

Presentation by Santa Clara Sister Cities Association on Student-Exchange Visit to Izumo, Japan

**BACKGROUND**

The Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCSCA) offers student-exchange program scholarships for Santa Clara students to visit Santa Clara’s sister cities of Izumo, Japan; Coimbra, Portugal; or Limerick, Ireland. The SCSCA student-exchange program gives young individuals an opportunity to travel the world to explore new cultures, visit local governments, and to be more enriched through global exchanges around the world. The SCSCA student-exchange program also offers students an opportunity to work with the Santa Clara community, get involved in international exchange efforts, and visit and meet people in our sister cities.

**DISCUSSION**

In June 2019, the SCSCA organized a student exchange trip to Izumo, Japan for four students serving on the SCSCA Youth Commission. SCSCA Board Director Margaret Horoszko travelled with the students as the trip chaperone.

SCSCA Board Director Margaret Horoszko and the students will report on their recent student-exchange visit to Izumo, Japan, share their experience, and encourage members of our community to become involved with SCSCA.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than administrative staff time.

## **PUBLIC CONTACT**

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