



**City of Annapolis**  
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**Sister City Relationship with the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** – For the purpose of authorizing a sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
**City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 57-23**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Buckley

**Co-sponsored by:** Alds. Pindell Charles, Arnett, Schandelmeier

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Sister City Relationship with the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**FOR** the purpose of authorizing a sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**WHEREAS,** Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on the Miljacka River, has invited Annapolis to participate as a Sister City, joining established Sarajevo Sister City capitals including Ankara, Budapest, Kuwait City, Madrid, Stockholm, Tripoli, Zagreb; and

**WHEREAS,** Sarajevo, like America (and Annapolis), is known for its multicultural heritage, where people of different ethnicities and cultures coexist together; and

**WHEREAS,** Sarajevo has Bascarsija, a famous bazaar and tourist destination in the historic district; while Annapolis has the historic port known as City Dock; and

**WHEREAS,** Sarajevo has Vrelo Bosne, a natural park on the outskirts of the City, highlighting the natural beauty of the region, while Annapolis has the beautiful Chesapeake Bay, which has provided beauty and bounty to residents of the region for centuries; and

**WHEREAS,** The Sister City Program is a global network of over 1,600 communities in 145 countries that are dedicated to building relationships through citizen diplomacy; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Sarajevo is a vibrant and diverse community that shares many values with the City of Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS,** A sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City of Sarajevo would provide opportunities for mutually beneficial exchanges in the fields of business, arts, culture, education, sports, and tourism.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

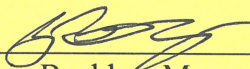
1. The Annapolis City Council hereby authorizes a sister city relationship with Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and all necessary documents to formalize the sister city relationship with the City of Sarajevo; and
3. The City Manager is authorized to work with the Mayor in promoting and facilitating exchanges between the City of Annapolis and the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

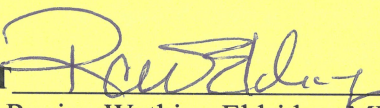
**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

**ADOPTED this 6th day of November 2023.**

**Aye:** 9 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**

 Date: 11/8/23  
Gavin Buckley, Mayor

**ATTEST**  Date: 11/8/23  
Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,  
City Clerk