

California-Japan Sister Cities Network

Holiday Letter 2019

December 15, 2019

Dear Friend,

We hope your 2019 has been productive and joyful. We at the California-Japan Sister Cities Network (CJSCN) celebrated our first anniversary this year. As a way to look back on this milestone and review what has been accomplished so far, we wanted to share this Holiday Letter with you. We hope it will become an annual tradition, so that the CJSCN Board and CJSCN subscribers can celebrate our mutual achievements together.

The idea for CJSCN was first discussed by Meg and Kelley in a tiny café in Sonoma back in 2014. With the expertise of three other sister city “fanatics” and much support from our incredible sponsor and partner organizations, CJSCN is quickly growing into what we had envisioned: an informational hub to benefit all California-Japan sister city organizations. We look forward to continuing to work with you, and thank you for your passion in supporting grassroots exchanges for a better world.

See you in 2020,
CJSCN Board



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CJSCN Events

2018 Fall Reception & CJSCN Launch Party

October 26, 2018 • San Francisco • 50 program representatives and supporters met for problem-solving discussions and networking.

2019 Spring Workshop

March 15, 2019 • South San Francisco • 20 program representatives attended a panel discussion and presentations on “strategies for success”.

2019 Fall Reception

November 15, 2019 • San Francisco • 60 program representatives and supporters brainstormed ideas for collaboration with each other and third parties, followed by refreshments and networking.



CJSCN Resources

- Monthly newsletter showcasing sister city activities across the state and helpful announcements and resources
 - 158 subscribers and 46 articles submitted since newsletter launched in April 2019
- Annual workshop and annual reception for all sister city organizations and partners
- Directory of sister city programs with links to information
- Facebook public page and private group for sharing information, advice, resources, etc.
- Event calendar featuring sister city-related events across the state and even in Japan
- Maps showing locations of California and Japan sister cities and years of incorporation
- List of Japan-related and sister city-related organizations and resources
- Strong connections with local Japanese consulate officials

CJSCN Regions

CJSCN currently divides its subscribers into six different regions, which are used to organize local networking events and manage subscribers more efficiently: North Bay, East Bay, Peninsula, Central Valley, Silicon Valley & South, and Southern California. During 2019, there were four regional meetings organized by local sister city representatives.

- **Silicon Valley & South** • June 25, 2019 • Cupertino
- **East Bay** • September 21, 2019 • Oakland
- **North Bay** • September 28, 2019 • Sebastopol
- **Peninsula** • October 19, 2019 • South San Francisco



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