

PROTOCOLS OF AGREEMENT

ON OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CITIES OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY (THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) AND THE CITY OF CUENCA, ECUADOR.

Motivated by a sincere and strong desire to establish a genuine intercultural alliance predicated upon earnest friendship, understanding, cooperation and goodwill, the cities of Newark, New Jersey and the City of Cuenca, Ecuador enter into **PROTOCOLS OF AGREEMENT** in joint and full appreciation that a Sister City relationship contributes significantly to the evolution of an interdependent, peaceful and mutually supportive global community.

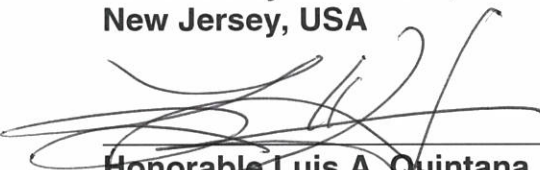
In line with this **AGREEMENT**, the aforementioned Municipalities will encourage in every possible way the development of cultural and economic ties, mutual exchanges of youth, commercial, health, educational initiatives and other civic groups, and the strengthening of intercultural and cross-cultural communication links between the institutions and public organizations of the two (2) cities.

The people of both cities will freely exchange ideas, opinions and the free flow of information, develop strategies for sustainable community/economic empowerment, development projects that are of mutual respect for culture, history, linguistics and geography –as well as other meaningful intercultural projects.

This **AGREEMENT** becomes effective from the date of signing by the representatives of the governing bodies of the cities of Newark, New Jersey and the City of Cuenca, Ecuador.

**For the City of Newark,
New Jersey, USA**

**For the City of Cuenca,
Ecuador**



**Honorable Luis A. Quintana
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**Honorable Pedro Palacios Ullauri
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