



# City of Bandon

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*Bandon by the Sea*

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Torrey N. Contreras, City Manager 

DATE: March 4, 2024

SUBJECT: **ITEM NUMBER: 4.1: RESOLUTION 24-02 OF THE BANDON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BANDON, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO ENTER INTO A TWINNING AGREEMENT WITH THE BANDON-KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND, STRENGTHENING EXISTING TIES OF HERITAGE, COMMERCE, AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GREATER BANDON AREAS**

### BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the City Council's direction given during its meeting on February 6, the City staff has prepared the Resolution for the City Council's consideration to establish the twinning of the City of Bandon, Oregon, United States of America (USA) and the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District, County Cork, Ireland (see Attachment No. 1 – City of Bandon, Oregon Resolution). Following the City Council meeting, City staff also prepared a letter to the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District expressing the City Council's support for the twinning of the two jurisdictions (see Attachment No. 2 – City of Bandon, Oregon Letter).

Upon adopting the Resolution, an electronic copy of the signed document will be provided to the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District for them to do the same, thereby effectuating the twinning of the two Bandons.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The twinning of the two Bandons is largely ceremonial in nature and serves to promote goodwill and prosperity between the two jurisdictions. Beyond the in-kind expenses incurred by the City to facilitate the twinning of the two Bandons, no significant out-of-pocket expenses are anticipated.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The following recommendations are submitted for the City Council's consideration:

1. Review and discuss the information provided herein; and

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2. Adopt the Resolution captioned as follows:

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution
  2. City of Bandon, Oregon Letter

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-02

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BANDON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BANDON, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO ENTER INTO A TWINNING AGREEMENT WITH THE BANDON-KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND, STRENGTHENING EXISTING TIES OF HERITAGE, COMMERCE, AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GREATER BANDON AREAS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, United States of America, was formally incorporated in 1891 and named Bandon after a founding immigrant's ancestral home of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, this new Bandon of Oregon attracted Irish immigrants over the years, and its history, culture, and civic achievements may be evaluated as part of the history of the larger Irish diaspora; and

WHEREAS, the greater Bandon areas of Ireland and the United States are prompted by the wish to extend and strengthen the existing ties of heritage, commerce, and friendship between them, and both areas have developed a strong and growing local economy which can be the object of mutually beneficial exchanges for the citizens and businesses of both areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bandon, Ireland does not have an independent City Council, and so the interests of the Town of Bandon, Ireland are represented by the larger Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District, Ireland and the City Council of the City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, United States of America (hereinafter, the "Parties"), recognizing that their respective greater Bandon areas have developed a strong and growing local economy which can be the object of mutually beneficial exchanges for the citizens and businesses of both areas, and prompted by the wish to extend and strengthen the existing ties of heritage, commerce, and friendship between the two areas, hereby agree to the following Twinning Agreement:

**ARTICLE 1.** With the mutual prosperity and well-being of their respective citizenry as shared objectives, the Parties will explore opportunities to cultivate a greater understanding of each other, raise cross-cultural awareness, and generally advance the friendship between the two greater Bandon areas.

**ARTICLE 2.** Recognizing the importance of strong and diverse economies, the Parties will endeavor to develop a climate which fosters interaction among entrepreneurs and business enterprises, promotes investment, and expands tourism, commerce, and fair trade.

**ARTICLE 3.** In initiating ongoing cooperative efforts, each Party will seek to identify areas for collaboration and, in all spheres of mutual interest, work for the benefit of the peoples of the two greater Bandon areas. Methods to carry out this co-operation may include exchanges of information and professional internships; organization of seminars, symposia, meetings, conferences, etc.; trade missions; participation in each other's festivals and cultural events; export, import and investment promotion; and trade show assistance

and partnerships. The Parties may agree on other forms of collaboration than these referred to in this Article.

**ARTICLE 4.** Whereas, the partnership will provide a deeper understanding of each other's lives and traditions, while finding common elements that link the two greater Bandon areas, the Parties are ready for growth in many areas and can mutually work to achieve our goals together. For instance, we note the importance of promoting tourism between the greater Bandon areas as well as the value of cultural, marine, and coastal based activities to their respective local economies. We would like to explore the opportunity to share knowledge and skills which will assist in further supporting and enhancing such unique opportunities in both Bandon areas.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Parties will establish a bilateral working committee of volunteers governed by bylaws set forth by each Party to implement the terms and provisions of this Agreement including, but not limited to, developing cooperation programs; proposing specific ways and means of collaboration; and sharing common activities. This committee will report to each of the Parties' assigned representatives who will meet at least once a year either in person or remotely and wherever possible and appropriate.

**ARTICLE 6.** Both Parties recognize the importance of maintaining strong verifiable historical links between both greater Bandon areas. We pledge to learn more about these cultural ties and to share this information with any interested parties.

**ARTICLE 7.** We will foster links between our two greater Bandon areas and work towards encouraging and empowering the youth of both areas through sharing knowledge and skills; identification of best practices; collaboration on activities to add value and effectiveness; broadening of horizons; relationship building and networking.

This Twinning Agreement will come into effect at the date of signing and will have a five-year validity, renewable automatically for the same period of time, unless otherwise notified by one of the Parties. Should the latter occur, the Parties will terminate current and scheduled cooperation upon the date of such notification.

This Twinning Agreement is signed as duplicate originals, and each of the Parties shall keep one original instrument.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2024.

**The City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, United States of America, by:**

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Honorable Mary Schamehorn, MAYOR

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Date Signed

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June Hinojosa, CITY RECORDER

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Date Signed

**The Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District, Ireland, by:**

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Honorable Seàn O'Donovan, COUNCILOR/CHAIR

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Date Signed



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**SUBJECT: TWINNING OF THE CITY OF BANDON, OREGON AND THE BANDON-KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Dunne,

Greetings from the City of Bandon, Oregon, located in the United States. My name is Torrey Contreras, and I am the City Manager of the City of Bandon. I am writing to inform you that the Bandon City Council unanimously voted in favor of "twinning" the two Bandon. Accordingly, a Resolution will be presented to the City Council on March 4, 2024, memorializing the relationship between Bandon, Oregon, and the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District.

Following the adoption of the Resolution, I will make sure to provide you with a digital copy for your records and future reference. My contact information is as follows:

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On behalf of the Mayor and Members of the City Council, please convey the City's sincere gratitude to your fellow colleagues and the people of the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District for their kindness and friendship. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance to you and the District.

Sincerely,

**Torrey Contreras**  
City Manager