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**SISTER CITIES MEXICO CITY AND LOS ANGELES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CLOSE  
FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION**

*Mayor Garcetti and Head of Government of Mexico City Sheinbaum announce series of events to mark half-century of friendship, pledge deeper partnership on climate, transportation, gender equity, and resilience.*

**MEXICO CITY**— Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Mexico City Head of Government Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum today launched a year-long celebration to commemorate 50 years as sister cities (*hermanamiento*).

During their meeting at the *Antiguo Palacio del Ayuntamiento*, the two leaders also discussed opportunities for collaboration and exchange around climate change and sustainability, transportation, gender equity, culture, and inclusion over the next year.

“Our 50 years as sister cities have shown that when local communities work together, we have the power to make real progress on everything from trade and tourism to transportation and technology,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I know that Los Angeles and Mexico City will remain leaders in confronting climate change, creating green jobs, improving resilience against natural disasters, and building a future of sustainability and prosperity for everyone who calls our cities home.”

“This year marks the 50th anniversary of the sisterhood between the City of Angels and Mexico City, and we’re going to commemorate our sisterhood with activities that will unite our cities even more,” said Mexico City Head of Government Claudia Sheinbaum. “In particular, we are interested in the work that Mayor Garcetti is doing on climate issues, as well as issues of interculturality, human rights and migration. We’re going to create celebrations this year in Mexico City that are dedicated to our friendship with Los Angeles.”

As part of the sister cities anniversary celebration, L.A. and Mexico City will host a series of cultural events in both cities — including a film festival featuring Mexican, Chicano, and Angeleno film productions; a mural unveiling at the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles; and technical exchanges revolving around clean technology, sustainable mobility, and resilience.

Beyond meeting with Head of Government Sheinbaum, Mayor Garcetti’s visit to Mexico City has focused on boosting tourism and business in Los Angeles. Mexico is the top source of international visitors to L.A., accounting for 1.8 million of the 7.5 million international visitors to the city in 2018.