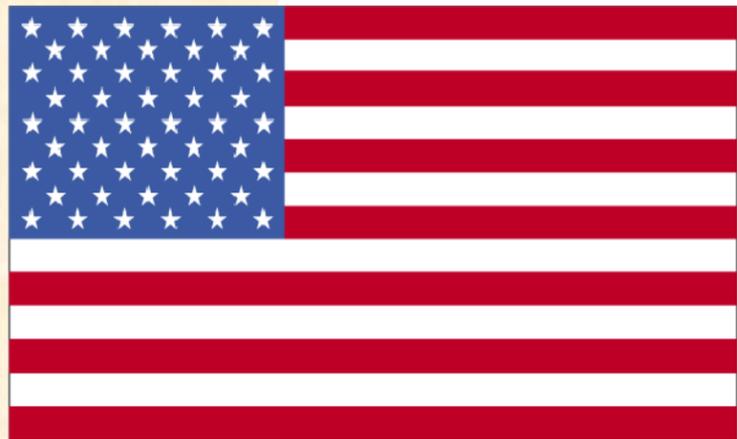
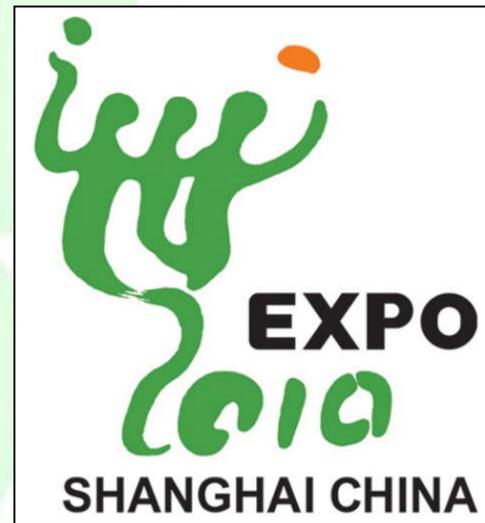


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# EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI



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In May 2010, Mayor Julián Castro and a city delegation signed [Friendship City Agreements](#) with Suzhou's Mayor Yan Li and Wuxi's Mayor Mao Xioping, and attended Expo 2010 Shanghai.

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**Agreement on the Establishment of Friendly Relationship  
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3. It is decided by both parties that the International Affairs Office of San Antonio and the Foreign Affairs Office of Suzhou Municipal People's Government will conduct concrete liaison, arrangement and implementation of the friendly exchange and cooperation programs between the two cities on behalf of its respective municipal government.
4. As for the matters that were not mentioned in the Agreement the two municipal governments will decide upon them through friendly negotiation under the conductions of mutual understanding and friendship.

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Julian Castro  
Mayor of San Antonio

Date: 27.05.2010



Yan Li  
Mayor, Suzhou City

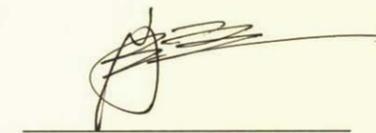
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**中华人民共和国江苏省苏州市和  
美利坚合众国德克萨斯州圣安东尼奥市  
建立友好交流城市关系的协议书**

中华人民共和国江苏省苏州市和美利坚合众国德克萨斯州圣安东尼奥市，根据中美两国建交公报原则，为巩固并发展两市的友好合作，增进中美两国人民、苏州市和圣安东尼奥市人民的了解和友谊，经过友好协商，双方同意签订建立友好交流城市关系的协议书。

- 1、双方同意进一步深化两市人民的友好交流、扩大合作、推进友谊，并开展形式多样的活动。
- 2、双方将共同努力，推进经济合作和双边贸易，在可再生能源、生物医药工程、社会事务、文化、旅游、教育等方面增进双边交流与合作。
- 3、双方决定，苏州市人民政府外事办公室与圣安东尼奥市国际事务办公室将代表各自市政府进行友好交流与合作项目的具体联系、安排与运作。
- 4、本协议书中未提及的事项，两市政府将本着相互理解与友谊的原则，通过友好协商共同作出决定。

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苏州市市长

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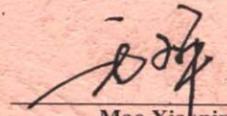
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Julian Castro

Mayor of San Antonio



Mao Xiaoping

Mayor, Wuxi City

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建立友好城市关系协议书

中华人民共和国江苏省无锡市与美国德克萨斯州圣安东尼奥市,根据中美两国建交公报原则,为进一步巩固并发展两市的友好合作,增进中美两国人民的了解和友谊,经过友好协商,就两市建立友好城市关系达成以下共识:

一、双方将进一步加强友好往来,扩大交流合作,促进两市人民间的友谊。

二、双方将共同努力,积极促进两市间的经济合作和贸易往来,加强在可再生能源、生物技术、社会、文化、教育等领域的交流与合作。

三、双方同意由无锡市人民政府外事办公室和圣安东尼奥市国际事务处负责具体的联络工作,并代表各自政府安排和实施两市友好交流与合作项目。

四、其它未尽事宜由两市政府在相互谅解和友好协商的前提下另行确定。

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# A Brief History of the City of San Antonio's Chinese Relations

The history that the City of San Antonio and China share is complex and multi-faceted. [For a Texas Chinese history that includes San Antonio, please see "[Chinese Texans](#)," at the Institute of Texan Cultures website.]

## Early Years: 1900-1950

The first documented Chinese immigration to San Antonio was a result of a World War I-era conflict with Mexican revolutionaries. U.S. Army General John J. Pershing in 1917 was ordered to Mexico to destroy the forces of Francisco "Pancho" Villa. Pershing's pursuit into Chihuahua, though unsuccessful, was supported by hundreds of Chinese in northern Mexico – who provided food and supplies to the expeditionary army. A few Chinese even fought alongside the American soldiers on one occasion.

As a result of this alliance, Pershing and others requested and obtained provisional permission for the Chinese refugees who returned with Pershing to remain in the U.S.

On June 9, 1917, over four hundred of the Chinese Mexicans, "speaking in Spanish, smiling in Chinese," arrived by train to San Antonio. [They were taken to Camp Wilson at Fort Sam Houston](#) and employed by the U.S. government as "Army wards" during World War I. In 1921, a special federal law allowed these Chinese to remain in the U.S. but stipulated that they were to remain provisionally and could not apply for full citizenship. Their children, even those born in China, also obtained the provisional permission though their wives could not, which created complications.

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As a result of China and the U.S. fighting against the common enemy of Japan during World War II, American public opinion changed and in 1943 the federal exclusion act was repealed. Chinese immigrants – including “Pershing’s Chinese” – could apply for full citizenship and most did.

However, this brief period of openness was followed by 23 years of closed borders. The Communist Revolution in China was fully successful by 1949 and put an end to official mainland emigration to the U.S.

### **Period of Transition: 1950-1972**

During this period, the U.N., the U.S. and the City of San Antonio recognized Taiwan as the political representative of China until normalization with the People’s Republic of China began in 1972. And though the borders were effectively closed, a political door did open for immigrants when Tom J. Lee of San Antonio became the first Chinese Texan elected as state representative in 1964.

### **1972-2008: Normalization Through Formalized Visits**

Eight years later, U.S. President Richard Nixon made his historic visit to China. In 1975, the City of San Antonio’s first female mayor Lila Cockrell joined the first mayoral delegation to China after normalization of relations, by special invitation from President Gerald Ford. She documented the trip with an extensive diary, which the San Antonio Light published in installments upon her return.

In 1980, Houston’s Chinese immigrant population surpassed San Antonio’s. Until this point, San Antonio had the largest Chinese immigrant population percentage of any Texas city.

On November 9, 1982, a group of Chinese journalists visited with City Manager Louis Fox and City Councilmember Bernardo Euseste in Mayor Henry Cisneros’ office at City Hall. These Chinese journalists made a ceremonial presentation of a Chinese scroll, and learned some San Antonio history as well. On December 8, 1982, the U.S. Department of State officially lifted air

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travel restrictions for Chinese journalists to 29 cities including San Antonio.

### **2009-Present: “Make No Mistake, This Is a Trade Mission”**

On May 9, 2009, Elisa Chan became the first Asian-American woman to be elected to City Council in the history of San Antonio. She was born in Taipei, Taiwan and spent most of her childhood in Taiwan and Brazil before going to Beijing, China where she finished high school and college. She came to San Antonio a year later to earn her Masters of Science in Computer Science at the University of Texas at San Antonio and has been a resident for 20 years.

At Councilwoman Chan’s [website](#), her biography mentions that her “proven record of serving our community includes promoting bilateral trade and foreign investment in San Antonio.” Chan’s involvement with the Expo 2010 Shanghai event provides evidence of such foreign investment promotion. Chan and her office

worked closely with the [Department of International Affairs to coordinate the trip to the Shanghai Expo 2010](#). Chan and former HUD Secretary and San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros co-chaired the Expo steering committee. For more than a year, they gave joint presentations to local businesses and the media as well as successfully raised \$500,000 in private funds to sponsor the USA Expo building at the grounds.

Similarly to the HemisFair that San Antonio hosted in 1968, the [Expo 2010 Shanghai provided San Antonio](#) (as of 2010, the 7th largest city in the U.S.) with the opportunity to establish partnerships with Chinese businesses. Chan explained the necessity for a formal trade delegation from the City of San Antonio: “The Chinese culture calls for relationships similar to those in Mexico...They need some sort of comfort level or trust before doing business.”

(Tony Cantu, “S.A.’s Chan says China Expo important to city,” 29 April 2010, San Antonio Express News)

In March 2010, Councilwoman Chan traveled to the Suzhou and Wuxi to sign letters of intent to formalize

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their Friendship Agreement preceding the arrival of the delegation in May.

### **Conclusion**

When that original group of Chinese Mexicans elected to emigrate to San Antonio in the early years of the twentieth century, they could not have imagined that less than a hundred years later, a Chinese American woman like Elisa Chan, as an official representative of their new home, would one day return to China in order to help establish trade with international businesses and encourage investment.

In the words of columnist Jan Jarboe Russell:

“The transition now taking place in San Antonio is both generational and multicultural, and it is intense...

The delegation that went to China last week represents the new economic and political establishment and proof

that new San Antonio is coded for international business in a way Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles and Chicago have always been.

The delegation represents our emerging economy — Toyota's Jim Wiseman, General Motors' Ed Whitacre, NuStar Energy's Bill Greehey and Curt Anastasio, RackSpace's Graham Weston, and Port San Antonio's Wayne Alexander.

Arrange those businesses in an arc and you glimpse our future economic landscape — a manufacturing segment anchored by the automotive sector; a local energy giant with expanded interests in China; and the aspiration for new, job-stimulating clean-tech companies based in San Antonio but built on the foundation that in today's world all markets are global...

For the new San Antonio, there's more to hope than to fear.”

(“Shanghai Trip Represents SA Evolving Anew,” 30 May 2010, San Antonio Express News)

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- Zhang Zesun, Deputy Editor in Chief of China Daily
- Zhuan Zhong, President and Chief Editor of the Journal of Chinese Legal System
  - Xu Chuan, Vice President of the Sichuan Daily
  - Li Yan, journalist and interpreter, Xinhua News Agency

The delegation of five Chinese journalists traveled to San Antonio as a part of a seven-city U.S. visit in November sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency.



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As described in the brief history earlier in this exhibit, her participation in the Expo 2010 Shanghai was instrumental.



**Councilwoman Elisa Chan's Fiesta Medal prominently features a tiger to commemorate 2010 as the Year of the Tiger in China.**

## ELISA CHAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 9



Elisa Chan was elected as City Councilmember for District 9 on May 9, 2009. She is the first Asian-American woman in the history of San Antonio to be elected to the City Council. Elisa has been a San Antonio resident for over 20 years. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Elisa spent most her childhood in Taiwan and Brazil before going to Beijing, China with her parents where she finished high school and college. She came to San Antonio a year later as a graduate student at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Elisa holds Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering and Master of Science in Computer Science.

Elisa has been actively involved in a number of professional, civic, public, and cultural organizations. Her proven record of serving our community includes promoting bilateral trade and foreign investment in San Antonio as well as to improve transportation. She was appointed by Former Mayor Phil Hardberger as Committee Chair of the China Steering Committee and was member of the City of San Antonio Planning Commission. Among many organizations Elisa also serves on the Board of Governors of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center and is a former committee member of the Stone Oak Property Owners Association Advisory Committee.

She has worked on major initiatives that affect all San Antonians, including the 2004 Advanced Transportation District; the 2005 Alamo Community College District \$450 million bond; the 2007-2009 City of San Antonio Municipal Bond Program, Drainage Committee; and the 2008 Bexar County Visitor Tax, Cultural Facility Committee.

Elisa is co-owner and serves as the president of Unitech Consulting Engineers, Inc., the company she founded with her husband in 1992. Starting with just one employee, she helped build a company that is now consistently recognized as among the "Top 25 Largest Engineering" and "Women-Owned" firms in San Antonio. In 2009, Elisa was featured in Forbes magazine "San Antonio Women in Business." In 2008, the North Chamber of Commerce awarded Elisa the Small Business Leaders Award in Career Achievement. She was also recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal in 2003 as one of the "40 Under Forty Rising Stars" in San Antonio.

Elisa, her husband Clifford Hew, and their daughter, Nikola live in North Central San Antonio.

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In March 2010, Councilwoman Elisa Chan traveled to Wuxi and Suzhou to sign letters of intent with Mayors Mao Xiaoping of Wuxi (below and upper right) and Mayor Yan Li of Suzhou (lower right).

(Photos: courtesy of office of Elisa Chan, City Council District 9)



Mayor Julián Castro with Bexar County Judge Peter Sakai and hospital leadership after planting a miniature red maple at the Tree Planting Ceremony at the Shanghai Children's Hospital, Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
(Photos: courtesy of office of Elisa Chan, City Council District 9)



Mayor Julián Castro with hospital leadership at the Tree Planting Ceremony at the Shanghai Children's Hospital, Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
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# Two pages from the [City of San Antonio City News website](#) showing press coverage of the city's "San Antonio Days" participation at the USA Pavilion, Expo 2010 Shanghai.

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### 2010 World Expo-USA Pavilion - "San Antonio Days" - Shanghai

#### City and business leaders travel to Shanghai for 2010 World Expo

Mayor Julián Castro and Councilwoman Elisa Chan are leading a delegation of more than 70 city and business leaders to Shanghai, China to attend the 2010 World Expo. While in China, the delegation will not only represent the City of San Antonio at the largest exposition in history, but it also will work to forge economic and cultural relations and create business opportunities. In addition, Mayor Castro will sign Friendship City Agreements with the two Chinese cities of Suzhou and Wuxi.

San Antonio's exhibit features its targeted industries, tourism and quality of life. Known as "San Antonio Days," the city will be featured in the USA Pavilion May 25 through May 27.

The following are news clips from China on "San Antonio Days":

#### Television Clips - USAP "San Antonio Days"

**USAP San Antonio Days unveiled, 1968 World Expo pushed it into world-class city**  
CCTV-4 China News- May 26, 2010

**USAP San Antonio Days unveiled**  
CCTV-4 Expo Express - May 25, 2010

**USAP: San Antonio Days series of activities unveiled**  
Dragon TV 18:00 News - May 25, 2010

**San Antonio Days series of activities unveiled at USAP**  
SMG 16:00 Expo News - May 25, 2010

**USAP: San Antonio Days series of activities unveiled**  
SMG 18:30 News Report 2 - May 25, 2010

**U.S. San Antonio debuting at Expo, series of activities unveiled**  
ICS Expo Live - May 25, 2010

#### News Clippings - USAP "San Antonio Days"

**San Antonio, USA, entering the Shanghai Expo**  
Xinhua 2010-May 26. 2010

San Antonio, Texas, USA - one of America's top destinations for business & tourism and the 7th largest city in the United States - today becomes the first U.S. city to make an official appearance at the Expo 2010 Shanghai.

The opening ceremony of the "San Antonio Days" was held this morning at the USA Pavilion, after a press conference that introduces the three-day event with San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro. As an official sponsor of the USA Pavilion, San Antonio's exhibit in the pavilion features its targeted industries, tourism and quality of life.

#### Repetitive Clippings: Chinahightech.com

**San Antonio, first U.S. city makes its debut at Shanghai Expo**  
Sina 2010-May 25, 2010

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#### Repetitive Clippings: Farmer.com

#### USAP "San Antonio Days" unveiled

Xinmin Evening News - May 25, 2010  
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The celebration will continue in the evening when San Antonio hosts 200 people at The San Antonio Industry and Government Mixer. San Antonio's guests include other World Economic Forum Young Global Leaders and executives from several prominent Shanghai companies. On May 26, the San Antonio Business Seminar will be held at the USA Pavilion's VIP Ballroom. The seminar will include speakers from a cross-section of San Antonio's economy including: Energy, Construction, Real Estate, Information Technology, Tourism and Law.

Repetitive Clippings: People.com

**Youngest U.S. mayor appeared in USAP, looking for economic and trade cooperation with Shanghai**  
Eastday - May 25, 2010



The opening ceremony of the "San Antonio Days" was held this morning at the USA Pavilion. At 35 years of age, Mayor Castro is the youngest mayor of the 50 largest cities of the United States and one of the rising stars in the American political firmament. San Antonio is a city of diverse economy and green energy industry is its latest light spot, and it is looking forward to cooperating with Shanghai in green energy.

Repetitive Clippings: Xinmin

#### First U.S. city debuting at Shanghai Expo, San Antonio renewing its relationship with Expo

China News Service - May 25, 2010  
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**USAP "San Antonio Days" unveiled today**  
Jfdaily.com - May 25, 2010