

**Letter of Intent**

**Between**

**The City of Atlanta and the City of Cape Town**

**October 7, 2016**

**Signatories**

**Atlanta**

**Mayor Kasim Reed**

**Cape Town**

**Mayor Patricia De Lille**

**John Rowett, Cape Town Academy**

## **Introduction**

This Letter of Intent is entered into and effective as of this 7th day of October 2016 (the "Effective Date") by and between the **City of Atlanta and the City of Cape Town** (collectively, the "parties" or "cities" and individually a "party" or "city").

The aim of the Letter of Intent is to lay the groundwork for developing cooperative relations between the City of Atlanta and the City of Cape Town around urban development, music and creative industries, food resiliency and sustainability through the Cape Town Academy in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Cape Town Academy: A Centre for City, Knowledge, Culture and Democracy Exchange will house:

- (a) the African Institute for the Study and Public Understanding of the United States;
- (b) the Cape Town Centre for the Urban Future;
- (c) the African/Cape Town Institute for the Arts and Cultural Entrepreneurship; and
- (d) a library and knowledge commons supporting the three aforementioned initiatives.

## **Purpose**

Recognizing the importance of international relations, for the purpose of consolidation of traditional friendship between the City of Atlanta and the City of Cape Town, and

Recognizing the cities' joint pursuit of ensuring conditions that facilitate the dynamic and harmonious development of each city, in order to establish trade and investment through commercial, economic, and cultural cooperation, and

Recognizing that Cape Town, with the full support of Mayor Patricia de Lille, has been selected to host the first Center for American Studies on the African continent and to promote US-African partnerships (Cape Town Academy) focusing on the public understanding of the United States, urban development, creative and music industries, and

Recognizing that the City of Atlanta, with the full support of Mayor Kasim Reed, has been selected as a prime partner on this initiative, with the Mayor's executive offices of Sustainability, Cultural Affairs, Film & Entertainment and International Affairs as key participants,

We, the undersigned, representing the City of Atlanta (United States of America) and City of Cape Town (Republic of South Africa) respectively, do hereby undertake the following initiatives with the Cape Town Academy: A Centre for City, Knowledge, Culture and Democracy Exchange as a conduit:

### **§ 1**

To develop cultural and economic relations between Cape Town and Atlanta and to establish these cities as gateway partners for US-Africa partnerships.

### **§ 2**

To exchange information and experiences about the operations of the cities with respect to initiatives focused on urban development, creative industries such as music and film, and food resiliency and sustainability, and

### § 3

To exchange best practices and encourage collaboration among officials, scholars and experts with knowledge of areas of mutual interest and benefit.

Actions undertaken within this framework are intended to benefit each of these leading cities by generating new economic activity, establishing connections and partnerships, and creating jobs in their respective territories.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

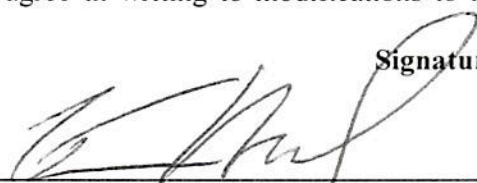
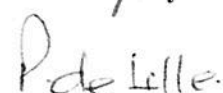
Signing this Letter of Intent does not entail a financial commitment of any manner whatsoever from the parties. The parties acknowledge that should they desire for this Letter of Intent to become a legally binding obligation or in any way require the City of Atlanta or the City of Cape Town to expend funds of any kind, that the express approval of the Atlanta City Council and the Cape Town City Council may be required pursuant to the laws applicable in each jurisdiction.

This Letter of Intent is not exclusive. Each of the signatories can also sign agreements of any form with other cities. Likewise, upon mutual written agreement of the parties, this Letter of Intent may be revised to include other parties.

The parties agree not to conduct actions under the auspices of this Letter of Intent without obtaining the prior written agreement of the other party.

The goals and achievements of this Letter of Intent will be monitored periodically by the signatories. At any time the parties may mutually agree in writing to modifications to this Letter of Intent.

Signatures

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Kasim Reed  
City of Atlanta  
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Mayor Patricia De Lille  
City of Cape Town  
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Executive Director John Rowett  
Cape Town Academy