



Various individuals from organizations have begun to collaborate, and formulate a partnership concept, for creating a sister city program between the City of Alameda, USA and the [City of Ensenada, Mexico](#). To Protect the Least Tern/ Charron Minimo (*Sternula antillarum*) a precious, loved, rare and endangered migratory shoreline bird that nests in critical habitat in these two international cities. This migratory shorebird has undergone a dramatic decrease in recent decades largely due to habitat loss, human disturbance and predation. Listed as threatened under provisions of the Endangered Species Act,

Our goal is to protect the remaining Terns, and promote Alameda as World Class Birding site.

We would share knowledge, education, science and research on the protection of the Least Tern. Including sustainability goals, such as climate resilience, waste reduction, water conservation, removal of invasive species and a general collaboration on biodiversity, species protection and green initiatives.

We would support and encourage future opportunities for a high School student exchange, and implement projects to protect and restore natural resources for the nesting habitat of the Least tern--and general protection of other shoreline birds that would co-benefit such as the Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*).

Whereas the [Alameda Sister City program](#) in collaboration with the [Alameda Sister City Association \(ASCA\)](#) are experienced, established and already committed to fostering international cooperation and cultural exchange, we would benefit from your experience and sage advice. A chance to understand processes currently established, and how might our shared ideas, and resources, provide an opportunity for including environmental stewardship and partnership with this international city that shares our mutual goal for the preservation of rare natural resources for future generations to enjoy.

We believe both cities face common challenges regarding preservation of the Least tern colonies, given environmental degradation, climate change, and natural resource management. A partnership will enable the sharing of expertise in developing sustainable infrastructure, protecting biodiversity, and implementing green initiatives.

Potential Partners



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