



Mayor Joe Hogsett Names Le Mans, France as Sister City

Formalizes 11th Sister City relationship for business, educational, cultural exchange

INDIANAPOLIS – On Friday, May 23, 2025, Mayor Joe Hogsett joined the Deputy Mayor of Le Mans, France, Sophie Moisy, leadership from the Consulate General of France in Chicago, and representatives of the motorsport industry and economic development community to welcome the French city as Indianapolis' 11th Sister City. The signing ceremony was hosted at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum to symbolize the rich history motorsports play in both cities.

"There is something fitting about celebrating our newest Sister City of Le Mans, France at the same time our city prepares for the 109th running of the Indianapolis 500," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "While this new sister city partnership leans into our shared history in the world of racing, I look forward to seeing how the relationship between our two cities will grow in the coming years."

The [Indianapolis Sister Cities International program](#) (ISCI), a local chapter of Sister Cities International, increases international awareness of Indianapolis by formalizing business, education, and civic relationships with cities around the world. Partner cities exchange cultures, resources, and best practices to empower private citizens, municipal officials, and community leaders to serve as citizen diplomats and global advocates. Indianapolis established its first Sister City relationship in 1978, with Taipei, Taiwan. A full list is available [here](#).

"I am delighted with this partnership between Le Mans and Indianapolis. Our two cities share a common tradition of excellence in motorsport," said Le Mans Deputy Mayor Sophie Moisy. "Every driver's dream is to win the 500 miles, the 24 hours of Le Mans and the Monaco Grand Prix. We are making history by uniting our cities and our people."

For over a century, Indianapolis and Le Mans have welcomed countless spectators to witness the endurance of race drivers (the Indianapolis 500 and the 24 Hours of Le Mans). The motorsport industry and collaboration through this sister city partnership will serve as a catalyst for cultural and student exchanges. Additionally, over the years the Pay de la Loire Region, where Le Mans is located, has cultivated authentic relationships with Indianapolis to promote economic development initiatives. It is these connections that served as a catalyst in the inauguration of the French American Chamber of Commerce in Indiana in 2024 and will continue to bolster increased trade and investment between regions.

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Mayor Joe Hogsett & Le Mans Deputy Mayor Sophie Moisy



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