



# City of Milwaukee

## Meeting Minutes

### SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

**ALDERMAN JOE DAVIS, SR., CHAIR**  
*Daisy Cubias, Al Durtka, Charles Vang and Vivian Chen*

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Thursday, March 23, 2006

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### Meeting Convened: 1:38 P.M.

**Present** Cubias, Durtka, Davis

**Excused** Chen, Vang

#### 1. Committee members introductions.

*Ald. Davis introduced each of the members who were present.*

#### 2. Discussion on the Committee's purpose.

*Ald. Davis gave a brief overview on how the initiative came about to become a member of the Sister Cities International and to create this Sister Cities committee.*

*Ald. Davis referred to Common Council File #041441 (Exhibit 1) and gave a brief overview of each of the four goals of the Sister Cities International and noted some of the membership benefits.*

*Ald. Davis then referred to Common Council File #050290 (Exhibit 2) and advised that the purpose of this committee is to review and possible re-establish the current Sister Cities relationships in which the City of Milwaukee has been involved in. They will also layout some type of criteria, if in fact, they would like to retain those current Sister Cities relationships or if they will move forward and terminate some of those relationships so that they can move forward to create new Sister Cities. He further advised that they would review the existing policies and determine whether to amend, delete or recreate the policies and then refer those recommendations to the Common Council.*

*Mr. Durtka commented that he views this committee as being the gate keeper who will make sure that the relationships that they do have are very viable relationships and that those relationships have a good blending of both government as well as citizen participation. He feels they should emphasize more on citizen involvement, which is very important to the success of whatever relationship is developed. He then noted that this committee may want to add citizen involvement as a criteria. Ald. Davis replied that some guidelines might need to be added as this committee proceeds.*

*Ald. Davis asked Mr. Durtka how critical is it to establish a relationship with a city that may not have the democratic principles like the United States. Mr. Durtka replied that if the desire is there on the part of both individuals and communities, it could become a very success relationship. He noted that it would help the individual to understand the government, their beliefs, etc. and it could open up a whole new level of Sister city relationships. Ms. Cubias concurred with Mr. Durtka's comments and explained the*

relationship the City of Milwaukee has with Cuba.

Ald. Davis asked Mr. Durtka if our purpose and mission is a companion to the Sister Cities International's purpose and mission. Mr. Durtka replied that he thinks it does.

Ms. Cubias advised that they have several Sister Cities relationships that have been on the books for many years and that have been inactive, and advised that if no body is working on them, and there isn't the resources to work with them, they should terminate those your Sister Cities and start new ones. She further advised that they only have two Sister Cities relationships that are active at this time and they are Cuba and Germany. Ald. Davis noted that as they build on the relationships, they may want to look at the current policy and review whether it needs to be strengthen, because the current policy might have been the cause of the relationships to be ineffective and that the policy might have dictated the reason why they haven't been as active in years past. Mr. Durtka advised that they should look at those relationships that are working and see how those relationships are organized. He further noted that another issue that they need to consider is whether there are local Sister Cities committees, how active are those Committee, whether they are incorporated or if they are a 501C3, and what kind of structure does the committee have. He than commented that they need to build very strong local units to interface with, because the local units are the most crucial to the success on whether the relationship succeeds.

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt the City of Milwaukee City Clerk appeared and addressed the Committee. He noted that the discussion on the purpose of this Committee does reflect what is outline in the ordinance. He than advised that the ordinance also directs that the City Clerk's Office provide staffing to this committee and that would include the paying of the membership fees, which is being paid out of a Special Purpose Account, under the City Clerk's Office and in the future it will be made a part of the City Clerk's budget. Ms. Terry MacDonald will be the principle staff to the committee who will handle all of the organization details, such as the committee agenda's, meeting notices, organizing the meeting, etc. and Ms. Angelyn Ward with the City Clerk's, Legislative Reference Bureau, is the person to contact for research information as well as the drafting of any legislations, such as any revisions to the current guidelines, etc.

Mr. Leonhardt introduced Mr. Paul Konenburg, who is a visiting graduate student from Dresden University in Germany, and his visit is sponsor by the Mayor's Office. Mr. Konenburg addressed the committee on his visit to Milwaukee and advised that he can provide information to this committee on how Europe conducts its Sister Cities relationships.

### **3. Review and discussion on the Sister Cities International policies.**

Ald. Davis referred to Mr. Durtka for a briefing on the Sister Cities International Policies.

Mr. Durtka submitted the following materials: Sister Cities International membership directory (Exhibit 3), Sister Cities International Newsletter (Exhibit 4), 50th Anniversary Conference newsletter (Exhibit 5), Criteria for Selecting a Sister City (Exhibit 6) and Sister Cities International Fact Sheet (Exhibit 7).

Mr. Durtka gave a presentation on the Sister Cities International, mission, organization structure, projects and programs (Exhibit 8). He than explained the Criteria for Selecting a Sister City (Exhibit 6).

Ald. Davis asked Mr. Durtka, when developing a Sister Cities relationship how important is it that both cities have similar interest. Mr. Durtka replied that the interest would be on

a one to one relationship and all the little things, such as how the education system works, work training programs, etc. could establish an interest between cities. Mr. Durtka advised that a relationship might have to continue for a year or two, before an agreement is developed. He further advised that some cities aboard don't have citizen volunteer involvement and that they lean more towards a formalized government system, but if there is a general interest a relationship will develop.

Ald. Davis asked that as part of the criteria, would both Cities looking to have a Sister Cities relationship need to have a membership in the Sister Cities International. Mr. Durtka advised that Milwaukee would need to be a member of Sister Cities International, but the other country wouldn't necessarily have to be a member. Mr. Durtka then elaborated on the benefits of a membership.

Ms. Cubias advised that the Mayor's office is committed to having Sister Cities Relationships, and noted that the most recent relationship that he would like to establish is with China.

Ald. Davis asked if one of the major criteria is to create a committee like this one. Mr. Durtka replied that it isn't criteria, but it all works together and would make the City look organized.

Ald. Davis asked if it is important to establish a connection with the embassies, not only here in the United States but in other countries. Mr. Durtka advised that it isn't necessary, but it would be helpful. He further advised of the importance of connecting with the other staff of those Cities who are considered the main go to person. Ms. Cubias concurred with Mr. Durtka's comment and then noted that officials tend to have high turnover, whereas the staff or go to person doesn't change as frequent and that makes it easier to continue the contact. Ald. Davis advised that one of their challenges, would be to find out what steps they will need to take to strengthen a relationship before an agreement is sign. Ms. Cubias advised that is why it is important to have a group such as this Committee in Milwaukee. Mr. Durtka commented that they will come across multiple groups within the City of Milwaukee who think that they should be the one to have a Sister City relationship with Milwaukee. He advised that they can't have a Sister Cities relationship with every City who has a group in the City of Milwaukee, and they will have to choose by looking at the strengths of those people and/or groups that will bring to the table their proposal for a Sister Cities relationship.

Ald. Davis advised that they will have to develop a work plan and that work plan would have to encumber the Sister Cities International policies.

#### **4. Review and discussion on the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities policies.**

Mr. Leonhardt referred to a September 22, 2005 Memorandum (Exhibit 9) from himself to the Members of the Common Council. He read through the list of current polices and gave a brief overview of each.

Ald. Davis noted that the current policy doesn't seem to preclude them from using city funds for receptions. Mr. Leonhardt advised that item #7 in the Memo does state that any expenditure associated with a sister city program must be approved by Common Council. Mr. Leonhardt further noted that the City Clerk's Office does have funds budgeted for receptions. Ald. Davis then noted that the current policy does preclude the use of city funds for travel expenses (Item #8).

Ms. Cubias advised that they should revised item #5, and asked what was the criteria for item #5 - that they not exceed no more than 2 cities adopted within a 2 year period. Ald.

*Davis commented that revising the policy would be part of the work plan and the criteria that this committee will establish before they start entertaining additional Sister Cities. He advised that once they establish a work plan and policy, it will strength the program based upon today's standards. Mr. Leonhardt replied to Ms. Cubias questions and advised that at the time that policy was adopted, the City only had 1 or 2 Sister Cities relationships established and their major concern at that time was the sustainability of those relationships. He further noted that they didn't want to go to fast or to have too many relationships established, and than find that they wouldn't be able to support those relationships. Mr. Leonhardt than commented that if there are active community groups and good relationships established and they are functioning fine, they're would be no reason to have a cap on them.*

**5. Review and discussion on the City of Milwaukee's current Sister Cities relationships and requests for Sister Cities relationships.**

*Mr. Leonhardt addressed the committee and gave a brief history on the current Sister Cities relationships (Exhibit 10).*

*Ms. Cubias advised that because of the change of power in Tiquantepe, Nicaragua they lost contact in 1990's.*

*Mr. Durtka advised that within the Sister Cities International policy, it states that a city can only have one international city relationship, per country. He advised that in the future they would have to first find out if any other US City has a Sister Cities relationship with the City that Milwaukee may have an interest in, and second, Milwaukee would have to asked that US City for permission (waiver) to also have a Sister Cities relationship with that City and if they didn't give their permission (waiver), the relationship would become a friendship relationship only, not an official Sister Cities. Ald. Davis asked if that criterion is based on Sister Cities International policy. Ald. Durtka replied yes it is.*

*Mr. Leonhardt asked Mr. Durtka how does the Sister Cities International view the City of Milwaukee's current Sister Cities relationships. Mr. Durtka replied that right now they do recognize those current relationships, because they are pre-existing. Mr. Durtka replied that now that Milwaukee is a member, the new directory (2006) will show the current City of Milwaukee Sister Cities relationships.*

*Ms. Cubias advised that she has a file that goes back about 6 years that contains information from several cities through out the country requesting relationships with the City of Milwaukee. She noted that they haven't found a group in Milwaukee yet to work with those requests. Ald. Davis advised that thought this committee, they will put together guidelines and structures that they will put into place, as to how they will go about receiving formal requests for Sister Cities relationships. Ald. Davis further noted that a request should be formally written with some type of criteria, along with a formal application. It will then come to this committee and they will evaluate all the points.*

*Ald. Davis referred to the current Sister Cities resolutions and noted that there doesn't seem to be a standard format used. He asked Mr. Leonhardt if he recommends that this committee concentrate on a format, so that when a sister cities resolutions are prepared, the criteria is list in the resolution. Mr. Leonhardt advised that it would be a good idea for this committee to make a recommendation, that whenever a resolution is prepared, there is some standardization and that it should include certain information or certain conditions so that it is made clear how it relates to the local and international Sister Cities policies.*

*Ald. Davis noted that the first task of this committee is to look at the current Sister Cities*

*relationships and determine which Sister Cities relationships to keep and which Sister Cities relationships to terminate. Ald. Davis asked the Mayor's Office to contact the current Sister Cities and be prepared to inform this committee of the status of those relationships at the next meeting.*

*Mr. Durtka recommended that if they can identify those individuals who are still involve, they could have them prepare a summary report of what they have done in the last two years. Mr. Durtka than commented that they might want to consider legislation that would include an automatic disengagement clause, whereas a relationship would come up for a renewal every 5 years. This would prevent the committee from being face with picking up the piece and trying to put it back together again every few years. Ald. Davis agreed with Mr. Durtka, that a report be required at renewal time and also a public appearance by the contact person who can give the report and answer questions.*

#### **6. Next meeting date, time and agenda**

*Ald. Davis asked Mr. Leonhardt to prepare some recommendations on how to setup a structure for this Committee and be prepared to give a briefing at the next meeting.*

*Ald. Davis asked the Mayor's Office and the City Clerk's Office to contact those individuals who are interested in continuing a relationship with the City of Milwaukee, and let them know that it is mandatory that they appear before this Committee and to prepare a report and submit it to this Committee ahead of the meeting date, so that the member will have a chance to review it. Mr. Leonhardt advised that they would work with the Mayor's Office to contact those individuals, and that they may want to start with those that are very active first.*

*Ald. Davis recommends that this Committee meet once a month and that the Staff Assistant with contact each member to setup the next meeting date.*

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:59 P.M.**

**Terry J. MacDonald**  
**Staff Assistant**

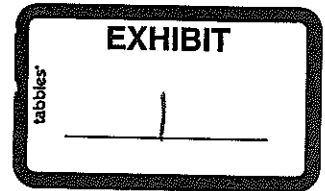


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## Text File

## Resolution



**Introduced:** 2/1/2005

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**Version:** 1

**Sponsors:** Ald. Davis and Ald. Murphy

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SUBSTITUTE 1

..Reference

..Sponsor

ALD. DAVIS AND ALD. MURPHY

..Title

Substitute resolution authorizing application by the City of Milwaukee for membership in Sister Cities International.

..Analysis

This resolution authorizes application by the City of Milwaukee for membership in Sister Cities International, and directs the proper City officials to apply for the City's membership in said organization.

..Body

Whereas, Sister Cities International is a nonprofit, citizen diplomacy network between U.S. and international communities that seek to increase global cooperation at the local level; and

Whereas, Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Sister Cities International promotes sustainable development, youth involvement, cultural understanding and humanitarian assistance; and

Whereas, As an international membership organization, Sister Cities International officially certifies, represents and supports partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, states, and similar jurisdictions in other counties to ensure their continued commitment and success; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities International network represents more than 2,500 partnerships in 128 countries around the world; and

Whereas, The goals of Sister Cities International include:

1. Developing municipal partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, states and similar jurisdictions in other nations.
2. Providing opportunities for officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships.
3. Creating an atmosphere in which economic and community development can be

implemented and strengthened.

4. Creating stimulating environments where communities can creatively learn, work and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects.

Whereas, Membership in Sister Cities International offers many benefits which include:

1. Eligibility to participate in all Sister Cities International-administered grant programs.
2. Subscription to all Sister Cities International publications.
3. Receiving support from dedicated and experienced area volunteers.
4. Participation in Sister Cities International's Annual Conference and regular meetings at the state level.
5. Eligibility to participate in Sister Cities International's Annual Awards Program.
6. Opportunity to purchase discounted supplemental medical travelers' insurance, board member liability insurance and event insurance.
7. Access to the "Members Only" section of the Sister Cities International's Web site; and

Whereas, Over the years, the City of Milwaukee has established sister city relationships with various communities and is committed to the goal of enhancing global understanding, mutual education and communication between Milwaukeeans and people in other parts of the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council authorizes application by the City for membership in Sister Cities International and directs the proper City officials to apply for membership in said organization; and, be it

Further Resolved, That an amount of \$755 shall be appropriated from the Economic Development Fund (Account Number 0001-1310-5123-006300-2005) for the City's membership dues for 2005.

..Requestor

..Drafter

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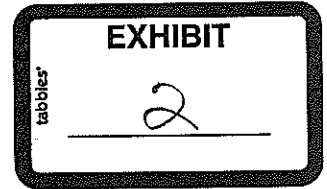


# City of Milwaukee

## Text File

### Ordinance

200 E. Wells Street  
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**Introduced:** 6/14/2005

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**Version:** 2

**Sponsors:** Ald. Davis

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SUBSTITUTE 2

..Reference

..Sponsor

ALD.DAVIS

..Title

A substitute ordinance creating a sister cities committee.

..Sections

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..Analysis

This ordinance creates a sister cities committee to assist the city, through its common council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships. The committee shall consist of the chair of the community and economic development committee, a representative of the mayor's office, one representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin appointed by the common council president, the health commissioner or his or her designee and a member of the public appointed by the common council president. This committee shall submit annual reports to the common council on the status of all new and existing sister city relationships. The committee shall also advise the council in matters of adopting new sister cities.

..BODY:

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 320-47 of the code is created to read:

320-47. Sister Cities Committee.

1. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE. The sister cities committee is created to assist the city, through its common council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister Cities International regulations.

2. COMPOSITION. The sister cities committee shall consist of 5 members:

a. The chair of the community and economic development committee, who shall serve as chair of the committee.

b. A representative from the mayor's office.

c. A representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin, appointed by the common council



president.

d. A public member, appointed by the common council president.

e. The health commissioner or his or her designee.

3. TERM OF OFFICE. Members appointed pursuant to sub. 2-c and d shall serve a 2-year term.

4. RULES. The committee may adopt rules, guidelines and criteria to assist the committee in carrying out its responsibilities.

5. POWERS AND DUTIES. The sister cities committee shall:

a. Establish guidelines for applicant sister cities, including reasonable expectations from the relationships.

b. Review requests for sister city relationships pursuant to the Sister Cities International guidelines.

c. Investigate and make recommendations to the common council concerning possible establishment, termination and maintenance of sister city relationships.

d. Oversee and review the status of sister city relationships.

e. Serve as a clearinghouse for all information requests received from common council members relative to sister city agreements.

6. STAFFING. The city clerk's office shall provide staff assistance to the committee. All city departments and agencies shall cooperate with the committee and provide assistance whenever the committee so requests.

7. REPORTS. The committee shall annually provide a written report of its activities to the common council and the mayor and shall report more frequently as the committee, the common council or the mayor may find proper.

..LRB

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Legislative Reference Bureau

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

..ATTORNEY

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE  
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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Office of the City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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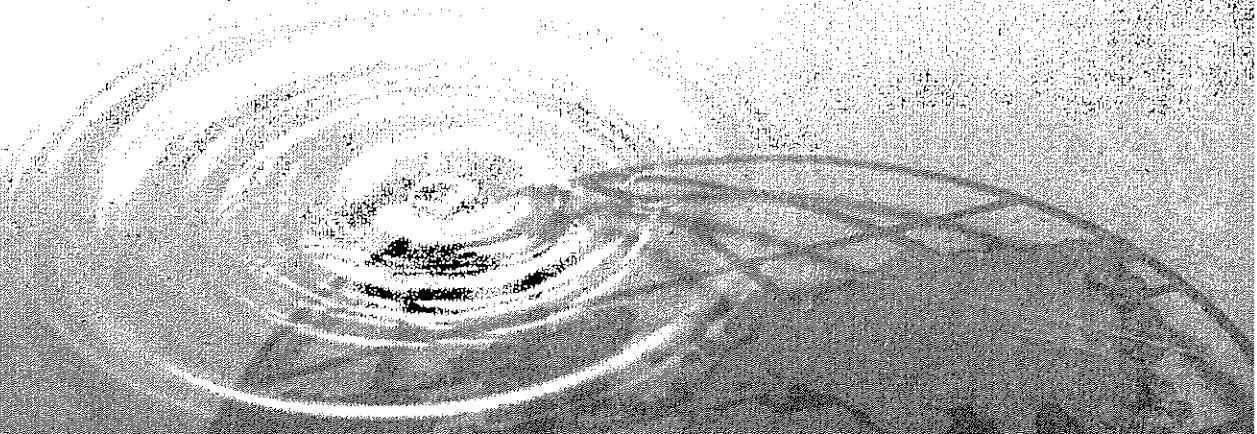
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# Sister Cities International



Membership Directory 2005



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## Highlights

Check out pages 11-15 for information on this year's Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington.



Do you have cable service? Take a look at the Africa Channel - you may never see cable the same way again!



Get involved in the 50th Anniversary celebration. See page 12 for more.



Interested in visiting North Africa, delivering aid to people in need, and becoming a citizen leader? See page 14 for more on the Sister Cities International trip to Morocco.

## Summer 2005

### Birth of a Sister City Relationship with Afghanistan

When you think of starting a sister city relationship with an Islamic community, what do you think of? For the farming communities of Scottsbluff & Gering, Nebraska, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 inspired them to explore building a sister city relationship with Bamiyan, Afghanistan.

#### An Early Partner Lends Guidance

As the U.S. military began its hunt for Osama Bin-Laden, the Nebraskans sought ways to build people-to-people relationships. They contacted the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for advice. The Center suggested they partner with Bamiyan, a small community sharing similar rural characteristics and agricultural growing conditions. In May 2003, thanks to contacts made on the ground in Bamiyan by the Center and enthusiastic support from all the communities, Sister Cities International recognized the

first sister city relationship between a U.S. community and Afghanistan.

#### Early Visits Plant Seeds of Friendship

Scottsbluff & Gering hosted 37 Afghan teachers during a six-week exchange program. They met people from Bamiyan and learned about its culture. While in Nebraska, the teachers studied classroom techniques and learned how to apply them in Afghanistan. The teachers promised to share what they learned with other teachers in Afghanistan after returning home.

Mohammad Rahim Aliyar, governor of Bamiyan province, visited Nebraska in 2004 through the International Visitors program. He was especially impressed by the agricultural resources at the Panhandle Research & Education Center, as well as the nursing and vocational

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Sister Cities International

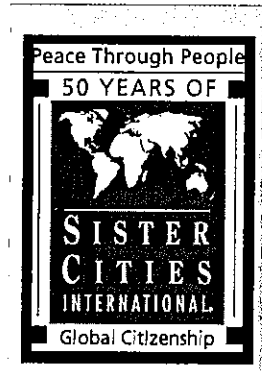
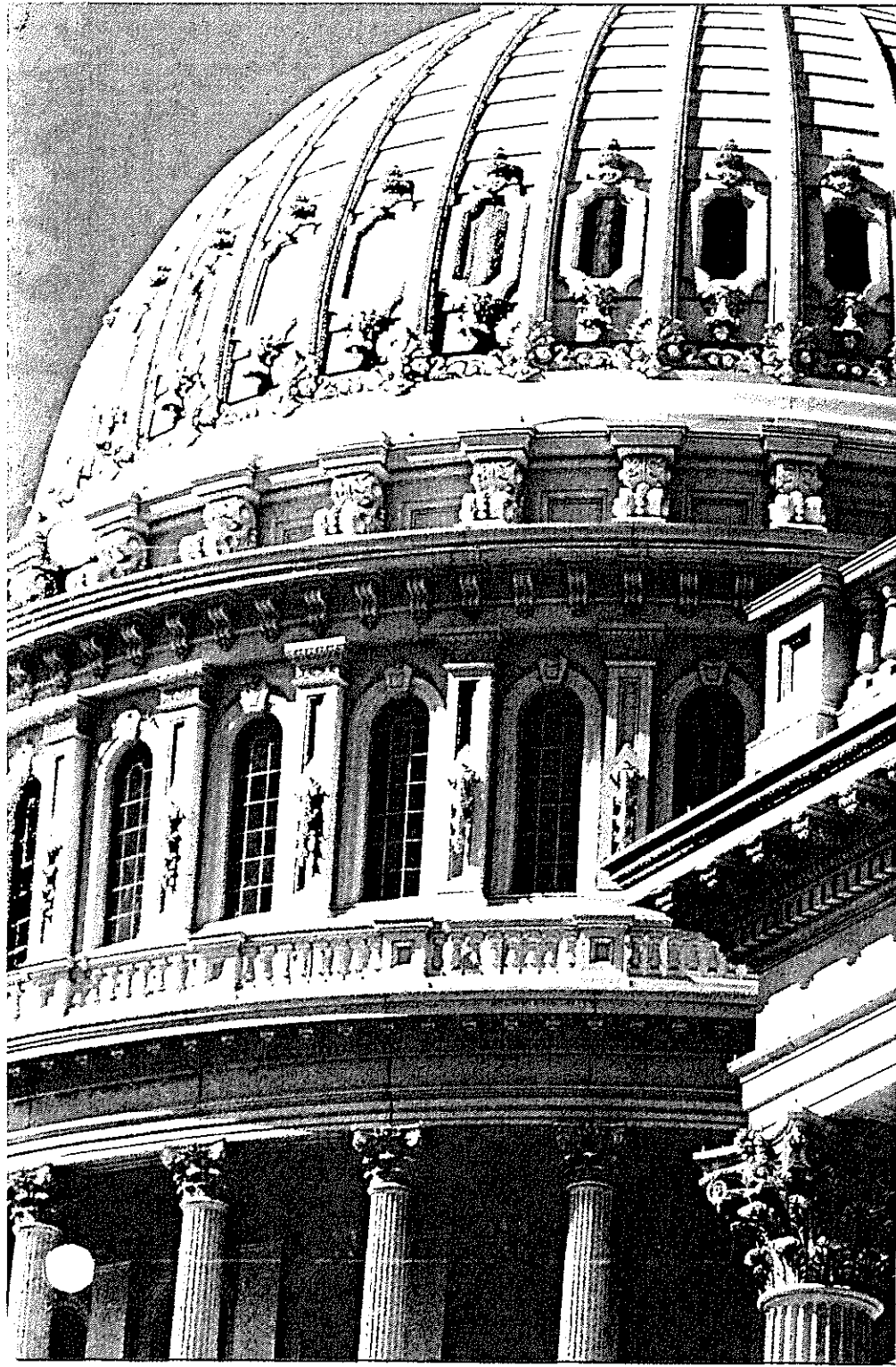
# 50th Anniversary

*Celebration*

*Conference*

A Historic  
Event *for the*  
Future of  
Citizen  
Diplomacy

July 13-15, 2006  
Washington, D.C.





## CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A SISTER CITY

The following is a composite of different factors which should be taken into account when selecting a sister city. Keep in mind that this is only a loose guide to assist you in your search. Your community should identify those features which are most important to your community and its sister city program, and select a prospective city accordingly. Most importantly, remember the analogy of marriage ... some cities choose their partner based purely on commonalities; others find greater success and fulfillment via the adage "opposites attract." Your choice depends entirely upon your objectives: economic development, diverse cultural exchange, humanitarian assistance, and so on.

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### A. Overall Factors to Consider

- Genuine interest on both sides
- Long-term commitment to the relationship
- Adequate financial support for exchanges and maintenance of the relationship
- Realistic assessment of what makes a successful sister cities relationship
- Focus on best results which will capitalize on existing strengths
- Separation of personal beliefs from political, economic, commercial and cultural realities
- The awareness that a desire to learn from and share experiences with a sister city can, in many cases, balance the lack of any similar characteristics with a potential sister

### B. General

- Exchange goals/objectives
- Population
- Geographic location (mountains, desert, lake, port)
- Comparison of key industries
- Local ethnic population
- Existing linkages (university, business, YMCA, Rotary)
- Does the city have sister cities in other countries? Are they successful?
- Role of the city and the sister cities committee in the relationship

### C. Cultural, Civic, Educational

- Museums
- Theaters
- Symphony/orchestra
- Libraries
- Civic organizations (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Scouts, Women's Clubs)
- Newspapers/television/radio
- Sports teams (amateur or professional)
- Hospitals
- Primary and secondary schools
- Post-secondary educational institutions (colleges, universities, technical, training institutes)

### D. Economic

- Socio-economic conditions
- Language/cultural patterns and barriers
- Market analysis of industries
- Investment climate/present investment levels
- Liberal versus restrictive trade climate
- If a port city—port connections
- Invisible trade (education, high-tech, service, exports)
- Trade exchange potential
- Number of tourists
- Presence of foreign businesses/factories locally
- Local businesses engaged in international activity

### F. Political

- History of diplomatic relations
- Present degree of cooperation between U.S. and international country in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields
- Level of government bureaucracy
- Diplomatic presence
- Honorary consuls



## FACT SHEET

### *Our Mission*

*Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, & cooperation – one individual, one community at a time.*

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit, citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities to increase global cooperation at the local level. Headquartered in Washington, DC, Sister Cities International promotes sustainable development, youth involvement, cultural understanding, and humanitarian assistance. As an international membership organization, Sister Cities International officially certifies, represents, and supports partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, states, and similar jurisdictions in other countries to ensure their continued commitment and success. The Sister Cities International network represents nearly 2,500 communities in 132 countries around the world.

### *Goals*

- ◆ Develop municipal partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, states and similar jurisdictions in other nations
- ◆ Provide opportunities for officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships
- ◆ Create an atmosphere in which economic and community development can be implemented and strengthened
- ◆ Create stimulating environments where communities can creatively learn, work and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects

### *Benefits of Membership*

- **Grants:** Eligibility to participate in all Sister Cities International grant programs, such as: “The Sister Cities Network for Sustainable Development,” “The Sister Cities International Youth and Education Network,” “Wheelchairs for Peace,” “Open World Program,” “Africa HIV/AIDS,” “Emergency Preparedness,” and our YES program
- **Publications:** Subscription to all Sister Cities International publications, including bimonthly issues of *Sister Cities International Newsletter*, e-Newsletter, the annual membership directory, and instructional guides covering all aspects of local program development
- **State Coordinators:** Receive support from a dedicated and experienced volunteer in your area, who will make personal visits to your community. State Coordinators supply a mentor element to communities that are interested in developing sister city partnerships but need advice on how to get them started. They also offer their professional expertise to already-established programs that want guidance in developing or reorganizing their programs
- **Meetings and Conferences:** Sister Cities International’s Annual Conference provides an opportunity for sister city programs from around the world to network, learn about new innovations and share

their experiences. State Coordinators also hold regular meetings to provide these same opportunities at the state level. As a member you will receive reduced cost registration to the Annual Conference.

- **Awards Programs:** Eligibility to participate in Sister Cities International's Annual Awards Program and the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists, where your community can gain international recognition for its achievements
- **Insurance:** Opportunity to purchase discounted supplemental medical traveler's insurance, board member liability insurance, and event insurance
- **Access to Sister Cities International's Web site** at <http://www.sister-cities.org>, which features:
  - ❖ Instantaneous online translation tools, so that everyone in your community can e-mail your counterpart(s). E-mails can be translated to and from Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Russian, and English
  - ❖ Ability to post a request for a sister city and peruse detailed community profiles and contact information for both U.S. and international requests in our "Cities Seeking Cities List."
  - ❖ Ability to report, track and compile the tools and techniques that promote outstanding sister city programs
  - ❖ Ability to feature your sister city Web site on Sister Cities International's Web site, which reaches hundreds of people each day

### *History*

Sister city, county and state affiliations between the United States and similar jurisdictions around the world began shortly after World War II, and developed into a national initiative when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed a people-to-people program at a White House conference in 1956. Originally a part of the National League of Cities (NLC), Sister Cities International became a separate, nonprofit corporation in 1967, due to the tremendous growth and popularity of the sister city movement.

### *The International Network*

Sister Cities International is the international membership association for sister city, county and state programs in the United States and similar jurisdictions around the world. As the official organization that links jurisdictions from the United States with communities worldwide, Sister Cities International recognizes, registers and coordinates sister city, county, municipality, province, prefecture, region, and state linkages.

In every region of the world, sister city partnerships play a significant role in supporting long-term community partnerships through reciprocal exchange programs. Sister Cities International strives to ensure that each project that is undertaken by its members reflects the diversity of its network. Specifically, Sister Cities International promotes the inclusion of ethnic and racial minorities, people with disabilities, youth, women and people of diverse socio-economic status in all sister city activities.

Sister Cities International promotes and supports new sister city partnerships in all corners of the globe, reaching areas traditionally underserved by other community development organizations. As international cooperation gains importance, city-to-city programs become increasingly significant to overall global development.

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**Mission Statement**

*Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time*

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**Sister Cities International**

- International membership organization that officially certifies, represents and supports sister city partnerships between U.S. and international communities
- Provides program development assistance to ensure successful partnerships
- Initiates national-level programs for Sister Cities International members
- Provides resources and publications for Sister Cities International members

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**The Sister Cities Network**

- Sister Cities International's International Office (Washington, DC)
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- Board of Directors and State Coordinators, *working in cooperation with ...*
  - ✦ Municipal officials
  - ✦ State municipal leagues
  - ✦ Grassroots volunteers
  - ✦ Business professionals
  - ✦ Diplomatic posts
  - ✦ NGOs, CBOs, and IOs




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**Sister City Projects**  
*Vary as widely as the communities  
that develop them ...*

- > Arts and Culture
- > Economic Development
- > Education
- > Emergency Preparedness
- > Environment
- > Disability Awareness




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**Sister City Projects**

*and are only limited by resources and the  
imagination*

- > Healthcare
- > Humanitarian Assistance
- > Municipal Training
- > Public Safety
- > Women in Leadership
- > Youth Involvement




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**Successful Programs Have:**

- ◆ Clear objectives – an understanding of why you want a sister city program and an identified purpose
- ◆ Leadership from city hall, county seat or state capital
- ◆ Support/involvement from the *entire* community
- ◆ Alliances with other organizations/groups
- ◆ Reliable *and* renewable funding sources
- ◆ Strong communication skills




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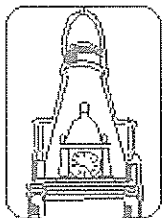
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**City  
of  
Milwaukee**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Members, Common Council  
**FROM:** Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk  
**DATE:** September 22, 2005  
**RE:** Sister City Relationships

File 050290, a substitute ordinance creating a sister cities committee, is before the Common Council for passage on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. This file creates a new committee to oversee the City of Milwaukee's sister city relationships within the framework of Sister Cities International, an organization that the city joined earlier this year.

One of the functions of the committee will be to review and make recommendations regarding our current sister city policy. Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., has requested that we provide you with a copy of the current policy. This policy was adopted in 1988 and has been amended twice (1988 and 1992). It currently reads as follows:

1. There should exist a logical area of mutual interest and involvement with the prospective city in the areas of culture and business.
2. Strong consideration should be given to factors which contribute to a good balance between the cities: geographic location, governmental structure, comparable size, population composition and education.
3. There should be evidence of strong local community support for the prospective sister city relationship in order to assure a strong financial base and interest in exchanges.
4. During the selection process, there should be consultation and communication between the city and other related agencies such as Sister Cities International.
5. The total number of sister cities adopted should not exceed 10, and no more than 2 cities should be adopted within a 2-year period.
6. Consideration should be given to the number of prior relationships held by the prospective city. Some flexibility may be allowed for unusual circumstances.
7. Any expenditure associated with a sister city program must be approved by the Common Council.

8. No city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city program.
9. The Mayor's Office shall have oversight responsibility for the sister city program.

Currently the city has eight official sister city relationships:

Galway, Ireland  
Mulhouse, France  
Nuevitas, Cuba  
Omsk, Siberia  
Parma, Italy  
Queenstown, South Africa  
Schwerin, Germany  
Ticuantepé, Nicaragua

There is currently one file pending in the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, sponsored by Ald. Michael Murphy, to establish a sister city relationship with Ningbo, China.

Cc: Barry Zalben  
Rebecca Cliff  
Mayor Tom Barrett

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**Report to Sister Cities Committee of**  
**Existing Milwaukee Sister City Relationships**  
**As of March 2006**

**Existing Relationships**

**1) Ticuantepe, Nicaragua**

Established September 1987 (870376; McNulty)

Vetoed by Mayor Maier who objected to participation in any sister city program to avoid showing favoritism to any ethnic group in the city; overridden unanimously by Council.

**2) Mulhouse, France**

Established June 1988 (880499; The Chair at request of the Mayor)

Resolution requested the Mayor to invite Mulhouse to join in a sister city relationship.

**3) Omsk, Sibera**

Established July 1992 (920639; Frank)

Resolution proclaimed the cities as sister cities. File contains a May 1992 letter from Omsk officials accepting the invitation to join in a sister city relationship.

**4) Queenstown, South Africa**

Established March 1997 (960630; Pratt, Gordon, Frank, Nardelli and Richards)

Resolution requested the Mayor to invite Queenstown to join in a sister city relationship.

Rescinded prior sister city relationship with Potsdam, established in November 1988 (881118; Henningsen, Johnson, Donegan, Frank, McNulty, Cullen, Nardelli and Burke)

**5) Parma, Italy**

Established May 1997 (961901; D'Amato, Nardelli, Richards, Frank, Pratt and Gordon)

Resolution requested the Mayor to invite Parma to join in a sister city relationship.

6) Schwerin, Germany

Established June 1997 (970335; Frank)

Preceded by File 931407 (January 1994; Schramm and Kalwitz) requesting Mayor to invite Schwerin to join in sister city relationship.

7) Nuevitas, Cuba

Established October 2000 (000432; Henningsen)

Resolution requested the Mayor to invite Nuevitas to join in a sister city relationship.

8) Galway, Ireland

Established December 2001 (010680; Murphy, Donovan, Henningsen, Richards and Sanchez)

Resolution requested the Mayor to invite Galway to join in a sister city relationship.

Letters of support in file from IrishFest, UWM Center for Celtic Studies, Irish Cultural and Heritage Center

Rescinded previous sister city relationship with Althone, Ireland, established in October 1999.

**Proposed Relationships**

Cap-Hatien, Haiti

Introduced January 1995 (941598; Pratt); Placed on file June 2000 after languishing in Judiciary and Legislation Committee.

Ningbo, China

Introduced April 2005 (041758)

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# City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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**FILE NO: 870376**

**Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship with a city in Nicaragua.**

Whereas, Wisconsin was designated a sister state with Nicaragua under President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress and continues to maintain a very active relationship; and

Whereas, Mayor Maier has issued a proclamation naming July 19th Milwaukee-Nicaragua Day each year since 1980; and

Whereas, Milwaukee has served as the hub of humanitarian aid to Nicaragua for the entire Midwest; and

Whereas, Individuals and groups from the city of Milwaukee have delivered over \$3,000,000 worth of medical supplies to the public clinics and hospitals of Nicaragua; and

Whereas, The Ecumenical Refugee Council of Milwaukee has arranged and supervised the adoption of parentless Nicaraguan children by U.S. families; and

Whereas, The Ecumenical Refugee Council of Milwaukee has played a key role in supporting orphanages in Nicaragua; and

Whereas, Doctors, nurses, teachers, agronomists and other professionals from the Milwaukee area have volunteered their time working in Nicaragua; and

Whereas, The Milwaukee religious community maintains a deep commitment to Nicaragua involving a constant interchange between our respective bishops, priests, nuns, ministers and lay people; and

Whereas, Elected state and federal officials from Milwaukee have visited Nicaragua and have emphasized the need for people-to-people contact; and

Whereas, The humanitarian activities of Milwaukee and Wisconsin have generated national publicity that promotes an international, compassionate and progressive image for our community; and

Whereas, People-to-people contacts will contribute to the peaceful and just resolution of conflicts between the United States and Nicaragua; now, therefore, be

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Ticuantepe, Nicaragua be proclaimed sister cities and engage in activities appropriate to that relationship.



**I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 15, 1987.**

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

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**Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk**

**March 06, 2006**

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**Date Certified**



# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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FILE NO: 880499

**Resolution designating Mulhouse, France, as a Sister City to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Mayor's Office)**

Whereas, Milwaukee is committed to a Sister City program that enhances global understanding and encourages mutual education and communication; and

Whereas, The Common Council in File 871178 adopted on May 17, 1988, established criteria to follow in the selection of Sister Cities for the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Representatives from the City of Mulhouse, France, have submitted supporting documentation attached to this file, in accordance with the Common Council guidelines; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the establishment of a Sister City relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (USA) and Mulhouse, France, is hereby authorized; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Mayor of the City of Milwaukee is hereby authorized and directed to invite the City of Mulhouse, France, to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a Sister City relationship between said cities.



I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 22, 1988.

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk

March 06, 2006

Date Certified

# City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Certified Copy of Resolution (Suspension)

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**FILE NO: 920639**

**Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Omsk, Siberia.**

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 911047 on September 3, 1991, authorizing the establishment of a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Omsk, Siberia; and

Whereas, This resolution also authorized the Mayor to invite the City of Omsk to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship between the 2 cities; and

Whereas, The Chairman of the Omsk City Council of Peoples Deputies and the Head of the City of Omsk Administration have agreed to establish such a relationship; and

Whereas, This relationship will promote global understanding and encourage mutual education, develop cultural exchanges and increase economic development opportunities; and

Whereas, The relationship between the 2 cities is based on criteria for sister cities as established by the Common Council in Resolution File Number 871178, adopted on May 17, 1988; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Omsk, Siberia and the City of Milwaukee are proclaimed sister cities and may engage in activities appropriate to that relationship; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee commits itself to pursuing increased understanding and cooperation between the 2 cities.



I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution (Suspension) passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 28, 1992.

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

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Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk

March 06, 2006

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# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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**FILE NO: 960630**

**Substitute resolution rescinding Common Council File Number 881118 and establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Queenstown, South Africa.**

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 881118 on November 18, 1988, designating Potsdam, South Africa, as a sister city and supporting its residents in their struggle for justice under the former South African system of apartheid; and

Whereas, A sister city relationship with Potsdam is no longer possible since the residents of Potsdam have been moved to Eloxulweni, which is a tiny community in the city of East London, South Africa, although it is appropriate for Milwaukee to maintain a special friendship with the former residents of Potsdam; and

Whereas, The post-apartheid government of South Africa has encouraged Milwaukee to establish a sister city relationship with Queenstown, South Africa; and

Whereas, A sister city relationship with Queenstown would meet all the criteria for sister cities as established by the Common Council in Resolution File Number 871178, adopted on May 17, 1988; and

Whereas, Elected councillors of the City government of Queenstown have already visited Milwaukee to discuss mutual interests with City officials and employees and to observe the operation of Milwaukee government; and

Whereas, Representatives from the city of Queenstown, South Africa have submitted supporting documentation for the sister city designation in accordance with the Common Council criteria, and that documentation is attached to this file; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and Queenstown, South Africa, is established; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Mayor of Milwaukee is authorized and directed to invite Queenstown, South Africa, to join with Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship between the cities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Resolution File Number 881118, adopted by the Common Council on November 18, 1988, is rescinded.



I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 21, 1997.

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk

March 06, 2006

Date Certified

# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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**FILE NO: 961901**

**Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Parma, Italy.**

Whereas, Parma is a cosmopolitan city of about 180,000 residents in northern Italy, half-way between Milan and Bologna; and

Whereas, The City of Parma was founded by the Romans in 183 B.C. and has made numerous contributions to world culture throughout its long history; and

Whereas, Parma is world-famous for its music whose native sons, Verdi and Toscanini, left Parma the heritage of an endless love of music and theater; and

Whereas, Parma has a wealth of artistic beauty, valuable monuments and historical significance; and

Whereas, Parma is home of the University of Parma which dates back to the tenth century making it one of the most ancient universities in the world; and

Whereas, The economy of Parma is founded on agricultural processing of which Parmesan cheese and Parma hams are famous world-wide; and

Whereas, Representatives of the Italian-American community in Milwaukee have expressed their desire to develop a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Parma; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee is committed to a sister city program that enhances global understanding, encourages mutual education, develops cultural exchanges and increases economic development opportunities; and

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 871178 on May 17, 1988, establishing criteria for the selection of sister cities for the City; and

Whereas, There exists an area of mutual interest and involvement between Parma and Milwaukee in terms of shared cultural heritage and business; and

Whereas, There is evidence of strong local community support for this prospective sister city relationship in order to assure a strong financial base and interest in exchanges; and

Whereas, There will be consultation and communication between the two cities during the

process of establishing a sister city relationship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. and the City of Parma, Italy is authorized; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Mayor of City of Milwaukee is requested to invite the City of Parma, Italy to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship between the 2 cities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee commits itself to pursuing increased understanding and cooperation between the 2 cities.



**I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 13, 1997.**

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

**Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk**

**March 06, 2006**

**Date Certified**

# City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

## Certified Copy of Resolution (Suspension)

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FILE NO: 970335

**Title:**

**Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Schwerin, Germany.**

**Body:**

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 93407 on January 25, 1994, authorizing the establishment of a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Schwerin, Germany; and

Whereas, This resolution also authorized the Mayor to invite the City of Schwerin to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship between the 2 cities; and

Whereas, The City of Schwerin has agreed to establish such a relationship; and

Whereas, This relationship will promote global understanding and encourage mutual education, develop cultural exchanges and increase economic development opportunities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Schwerin, Germany and the City of Milwaukee are proclaimed sister cities and may engage in activities appropriate to that relationship; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee commits itself to pursuing increased understanding and cooperation between the 2 cities.



I, **Ronald D. Leonhardt**, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution (Suspension) Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 3, 1997.

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*

Ronald D. Leonhardt

March 06, 2006

Date Certified



# City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

## Certified Copy of Resolution

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**FILE NO: 000432**

**Title:**

**Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Nuevitas, Cuba.**

**Body:**

Whereas, The Town of Nuevitas is a coastal town with a large ocean port and a population of 40,000; and

Whereas, Nuevitas is a blue-collar town with one of the largest electrical generating plants in Cuba, a concrete factory and other local industry; and

Whereas, Nuevitas is the departure point for the resort beach city of Santa Lucia, a 12-mile strip of white sand beach which has 2,000 hotel rooms; and

Whereas, The United States Cuba Sister City Association desires to establish regional as well as city exchanges; and

Whereas Nuevitas is located north of the City of Camaguey in the province of Camaguey, and officials from the City and Province of Camaguey have expressed support for a cultural exchange program with Milwaukee, which would supplement the current sister city program that Camaguey and the City of Madison currently enjoy; and

Whereas, The City of Camaguey has Cuba's second largest ballet company, a symphony, a large university and a baseball team in the national league; and

Whereas, Such a sister-city relationship would make Milwaukee's people and products familiar to one of Cuba's largest provinces and to its third-largest city so that when the trade embargo is lifted, Milwaukee will be poised to pursue commercial interests in Cuba; and

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 881299 on November 1, 1988, which increased the number of sister city relationships that the City may enter into within a 2-year period to 2; and

Whereas, The most recent sister-city relationship was created in 1999, and prior to that, 2 were created in 1997; and

Whereas, The City currently has 7 sister-city relationships and is permitted to have a maximum of 10

relationships as set by in Resolution File Number 881299 adopted on November 1, 1988; and

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 871178 on May 17, 1988, which established criteria for the selection of sister cities; and

Whereas, Representatives of the Cuban-American community in Milwaukee have expressed their desire to develop a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Nuevitas, Cuba; and

Whereas, There is evidence of strong local community support for this prospective sister city relationship in order to assure a strong financial base and interest in exchanges; and

Whereas, There will be consultation and communication between the 2 cities during the process of establishing a sister city relationship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the Town of Nuevitas, Cuba, is authorized; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Mayor of the City of Milwaukee is requested to invite the Town of Nuevitas, Cuba, to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship; and, be it

Further Resolved, The City of Milwaukee commits itself to pursuing increased understanding and cooperation between the 2 governments.



**I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 10, 2000.**

*Ronald D Leonhardt*

Ronald D. Leonhardt

March 06, 2006

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# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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**FILE NO: 010680**

**Title:**

**Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Galway, Ireland.**

**Body:**

Whereas, The City of Galway, Ireland, was founded in the 13th century by Anglo-Norman settlers on the eastern bank of the River Corrib; and

Whereas, Incorporated as a city in 1484, Galway is rich in heritage as it is in modern attractions; and

Whereas, Today, Galway is a vibrant, bustling center of the arts and commerce; and

Whereas, A census in 1996 revealed Galway to be one of the fastest growing cities in Europe, rising from 50,853 inhabitants in 1991 to 57,241 in 1996; and

Whereas, Galway is a cultural Mecca, attracting thousands of people every year to the many festivals hosted by the city, including the Galway Film Fleadh, the Galway Arts Festival, the Galway Races and the Oyster Festival; and

Whereas, In addition to its status as a center of language, art and culture, Galway is home to nearly 13,000 students, many of whom attend the National University of Ireland, Galway; the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology; or one of the many language schools in the area; and

Whereas, Representatives of the Irish-American community in Milwaukee have expressed their desire to develop a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Galway; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee is committed to a sister city program that enhances global understanding, encourages mutual education, develops cultural exchanges and increases economic development opportunities; and

Whereas, The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 871178 on May 17, 1988, establishing criteria for the selection of sister cities for the City; and

Whereas, There exists an area of mutual interest and involvement between Galway and Milwaukee in terms of shared cultural heritage and business; and

Whereas, There is evidence of strong local community support for this prospective sister city

relationship in order to assure a strong financial base and interest in exchanges; and

Whereas, There will be consultation and communication between the two cities during the process of establishing a sister city relationship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and the City of Galway, Ireland, is authorized; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Mayor of the City of Milwaukee is requested to invite the City of Galway, Ireland, to join with the City of Milwaukee in establishing a sister city relationship between the 2 cities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee commits itself to pursuing increased understanding and cooperation between the 2 cities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Common Council Resolution File Number 990612, adopted on October 9, 1999, establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Athlone, Ireland, is rescinded.



**I, Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 21, 2001.**

*Ronald D Leonhardt*

Ronald D. Leonhardt

March 06, 2006

Date Certified



City of Milwaukee Common Council

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**Title**

Resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Ningbo, China.

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