

May 7, 2023

Sister Cities Committee City of Milwaukee 200 E. Wells St., Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairperson (City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Relationship)

I am writing to express the interest of our local organization, Milwaukee Action Network, Inc (MANI), in sponsoring City of Milwaukee and Abuja, Nigeria sister cities relationship. We believe that such a relationship would provide valuable opportunities (cultural, education, technology, etc.) and foster mutual understanding between both communities.

Our organization has a commitment to promoting international cooperation and friendship, and we believe that a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja would be an excellent way to further this goal. We have researched potential partner cities and have identified Abuja, Nigeria as a potential candidate for such a relationship. Please see attached letter of interest from the Mayor of Abuja, Nigeria for your perusal.

We would like to request the opportunity to make a presentation to your committee regarding our proposed sister city relationship. We believe that this presentation would give us the chance to further discuss our proposal and demonstrate the benefits of such a relationship.

If the committee decides to invite us to submit a formal application to the common council, we would be happy to do so. We are committed to working closely with your committee and the council throughout the application process to ensure that we meet all necessary requirements and regulations.

Thank you for considering our letter of intent. We look forward to the opportunity to present our proposal to your committee and to working together to establish a sister city relationship between Abuja, Nigeria and Milwaukee, US communities.

Sincerely,

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Milwaukee Action Network, Inc

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Dear Sister City Committee Chairperson

LETTER OF INTEREST FOR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

I am writing to express the City of Abuja's keen interest in establishing a Sister City Relationship with the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (USA). We believe that this potential partnership would offer a mutually beneficial opportunity for both cities to promote cultural exchange, educational opportunities, technology, and economic development.

The City of Abuja is both the administrative and political capital of Nigeria, the headquarters of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the regional headquarters of OPEC. Abuja is also a signatory to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoN) in Sub-Saharan Africa and champions the cause in the region. Our city is the eighth most populous city in Nigeria and is known for its vibrant community and diverse population.

We understand that establishing a sister-city relationship requires careful consideration and planning, and we are committed to working with your committee to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to make this partnership a success. We believe that Abuja has much to offer, and we are excited about the possibility of sharing our resources and knowledge with the City of Milwaukee.

We are eager to work with your committee to make this proposed partnership a reality, and we believe that both cities would mutually benefit greatly from this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of our interest and proposal, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hon. Christopher Zakka

Executive Chairman