



Generalni konzulat Republike Hrvatske u Chicagu
Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia in Chicago

The Honorable Joe Davis, Sr.
Chairman, Sister Cities Committee
City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 205
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Honorable Alderman Davis,

Almost a year ago, together with the Federation of Croatian Societies in Milwaukee, the Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia in Chicago launched the initiative to establish a Sister City relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the City of Zadar, Croatia. I had the honor and true pleasure to meet with several of your colleagues, including the Council President Michael Murphy, and Mayor Tom Barrett. The able leaders of the Federation of Croatian Societies in Milwaukee have worked diligently and efficiently with this consulate and the administration in Zadar to bring the initiative before your Committee at the hearing on September 15, 2014.

Mr. Chairman,

I regret deeply that I would be unable to join the Petitioner in person at the hearing on Monday on the establishment of the sisterly relations between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Zadar in my homeland. Hence may I ask you kindly to excuse my absence and extend my warmest greetings to all of your fellow members of the Sister City Committee? Please note that I am eager to come to Milwaukee and meet with you, or appear before the entire Committee if needed, any time from the last week of September onwards.

Zadar, the fifth largest city in the Republic of Croatia, sits on the beautiful coast of the Croatian Adriatic Sea. The city takes pride in its long history, dating back to the prehistoric times. Zadar is equally renowned for its unforgettable sunsets at the unique water organs, natural beauty, arts and architectural treasures, such as the remains of the

Roman forum and the 9th century church of St. Donatus. Today, Zadar constitutes a tourist mecca, a key transportation hub and business center, excelling in the food, beverage and shipping industries, as well as agriculture, fishing and nautical tourism. In addition, the University of Zadar, the country's oldest, has evolved into a popular and competitively ranked academic destination for students from all over Europe. In light of ample compatibilities and potential for development of trade and other commercial relations, which will be highlighted during the upcoming hearing before your Committee, it is my hope that the petition under consideration will be approved to the benefit of the citizens of Milwaukee and Zadar.

Mr. Chairman,

Please rest assured that this consulate and I personally, will continue to provide all necessary assistance on the path to developing full-fledged progressive sisterly relations between Milwaukee and Zadar.

Sincerely yours,



Jelena Gržić Polić, Ph.D.

