



Sister Cities Committee

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April 10, 2017

General Consul of the Bolivarian
Republic of Venezuela in Chicago
Attn: Jesús Rodríguez-Espinoza
20 N. Wacker Dr. Suite 1925
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Sister City relationship between Carora, Venezuela and Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Consul General Rodríguez-Espinoza:

Your office was last found to be engaged on behalf of Carora, Venezuela with regards to the sister city relationship between Carora, Venezuela and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which was established officially on March 24, 2009 with the signing of sister city agreements between Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee and Mayor Edgar Carrasco of Carora.

Please be informed that due to recent years of unfortunate inactivity, lack of local sponsorship, and lack of local community support regarding this relationship, the sister city relationship was terminated by the City of Milwaukee effective October 19, 2016. A certified copy of the Milwaukee Common Council resolution terminating the relationship is attached. We apologize for this late notice.

Please forward this letter and notification to the proper officials and sponsoring entity in Carora as appropriate. Should there be interest to reestablish a sister city relationship, we look forward to explore making that reestablishment. The City of Milwaukee is a member of Sister Cities International and adheres to its policies and procedures in reviewing possible relationships. We believe a limited number of such relationships are beneficial to cultural, economic, and educational growth and development for all involved.

Sincerely,

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, Chair
Sister Cities Committee

Enclosure

City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Certified Copy of Resolution

FILE NO: 160547

Title:

Substitute resolution terminating the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela.

Body:

Whereas, The Common Council created the Sister Cities Committee to assist in the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister Cities International guidelines; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee reviews requests for new relationships, investigates and makes recommendations to the Common Council concerning the establishment of new relationships and maintenance or termination of existing sister city relationships; and

Whereas, The Sister Cities Committee has reviewed the current sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela, and recommends that the sister city relationship be terminated at the request of the local sponsor organization, Peace Action Wisconsin; and

Whereas, The sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Carora, Venezuela is no longer active and does not have community support that fosters opportunities for reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional or humanitarian exchanges and projects; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Resolution File Number 131429, adopted on March 4, 2014, is rescinded, thereby terminating the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela.



I, James R. Owczarski, 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 11, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Owczarski".

James R. Owczarski

April 11, 2017

Date Certified