



## Sister Cities Committee

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March 14, 2018

Joseph Mandiki  
3249 Royal Crest Dr.  
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Dear Mr. Mandiki:

You have expressed interest in a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Matadi, Democratic Republic of Congo as provided in your letter that was received by the City of Milwaukee Mayor's Office on March 14, 2018. In response to your letter, an international partnership between both cities to promote cultural, educational and economic exchanges can be achieved through the Milwaukee Sister Cities program.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Chapter 335 of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, which explains the Milwaukee Sister Cities program, its definition, policy, and application process. If achieved, a sister city relationship may best establish cultural, educational, and economic exchanges between with the City of Milwaukee and the City of Matadi. In addition, more information can be found at the City's Sister Cities website at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities>.

Please note that a sister city relationship application progress requires a **local nonprofit organization** within Milwaukee, that wishes to sponsor, maintain, and oversee a sister city relationship, to submit a letter of intent to the Sister Cities Committee. The Committee shall invite the organization to make a presentation to the Committee regarding the proposed sister city relationship. Following the presentation, the Committee shall decide whether to invite the organization to submit a formal application to the City's Common Council.

If the Committee has invited the organization to submit a formal application, the Committee will schedule a formal hearing on the application and notify the organization to attend. If the Committee recommends approval of the application, it will be forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee and then to the full Council.

Following Council approval and mayoral signature of a resolution, a signing ceremony will have to be scheduled in Milwaukee for both mayors of both cities to come and sign a sister city relationship agreement. A sister city relationship becomes official once an agreement is signed by both mayors.

We look forward to further exploring a possible sister city relationship with you. 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.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to be followed, please contact the Staff Assistant to the Committee, Mr. Chris Lee, at 414-286-2232, or [clee@milwaukee.gov](mailto:clee@milwaukee.gov).

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure