



## Sister Cities Committee

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U.S. Embassy Kyiv  
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Irpin City Council  
Attn: Dmitro Negesha - Executive Committee  
Shevchenko St. 2-A, Irpin  
Kiev Region  
Ukraine 08200

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today in support of the visa applications of the following individuals:

1. Olena Zadorozhna, District Attorney, Passport: FJ626680
2. Sergii Romasenko, Business Development Committee, Passport: FP779623

These individuals comprise a delegation group from Irpin, Ukraine who will travel to the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the United States from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 through Monday, July 24, 2020 for the purpose of visiting Milwaukee Summerfest Festival, Harley-Davidson Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum, and various businesses, organizations, and institutions for education, art, economic, technical, and municipal exchanges. Additionally, please note that the same members of the delegation will also travel to the City of Milwaukee in November 2020 to take part in the annual 3-day Holiday Folk Fair International with ethnic dancers, food and cultural exhibits, which takes place in the City of Milwaukee.

The City of Milwaukee invites and supports this delegation to visit Milwaukee from March 24, 2020 through July 24, 2020 and additionally in November 2020 as part of the sister city relationship activities between the two cities. The City of Milwaukee has a current sister city relationship with the City of Irpin, Ukraine. The sister city relationship was formally established with a signed agreement between the two cities on March 15, 2018 for the purposes of promoting peace, through citizen diplomacy and partnerships, and a long-term, cooperative relationship between the two cities for cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges to take place.

All hotel accommodations, airline tickets, and travel expenses with regards to the delegation traveling from Irpin to Milwaukee will be paid for by Irpin City Council. Please be aware that no Milwaukee city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city or friendly exchange relationship according to the Milwaukee Code of Ordinance Chapter 335.

The City of Milwaukee 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 through nonprofit, volunteer based organizations that organize and implement cooperative programs in education, arts, business, and municipal and technical exchanges with Milwaukee's sister cities around the world to collaborate on programs of mutual benefit to our city and its partners. We are also members of the Sister Cities International network, one of the largest citizen diplomacy networks in the world.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and International communities. With a network of over 2,000 cities in 146 countries all over the world, we strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

I appreciate any consideration your office can give to this delegation group from Irpin, Ukraine, and would encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Stamper, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

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

CC: CCFN 171188