

## Sister Cities Committee

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Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee Attn: John Braovac, President P.O. Box 1548 West Milwaukee, WI 53234

Dear President Braovac:

You have expressed interest in a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Zadar, Croatia, as provided in your letter that was received by the City of Milwaukee Mayor's Office on April 15, 2014. 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 Zadar. In addition, more information can be found at the City's Sister Cities website at <a href="http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities">http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities</a>.

Please note that a sister city relationship application progress requires a local nonprofit organization, that wishes to sponsor 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.

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 <u>clee@milwaukee.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Chair Sister Cities Committee

Enclosure