



**South African Consulate General**  
**Suid-Afrikaanse Konsulaat-Generaal**  
CHICAGO

10 February 2008

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.  
Chairman – Sister Cities Committee  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

cc Honorable Councilor A Z Mnyayi – Mayor of uMhlathuze Municipality  
Mr Zamo Gwala – CEO Trade & Investment KZN  
Mr Neville Matjie – GM Trade & Investment KZN  
Mr Phiwo Thango – Chairman of the Zululand Chamber of Business

Dear Alderman Davis

I have been asked to pass on thanks to you again for facilitating the video conference on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. From the Consulate's perspective we thank you and acknowledge your role in fostering international ties for the City of Milwaukee.

For the sake of good order I would like to re-cap briefly on the discussion that occurred so that all parties are cognisant of what is required to realise the objectives of that discussion.

All parties involved, which included members of the Milwaukee Business Community, the Academia and local Government, mutually agreed:

- That a sister city agreement between uMhlathuze and Milwaukee is feasible and that it should be investigated
- That we should agree on how best to begin the process
- That we should mutually agree on the milestones we would like to achieve
- That this becomes a programme of action that benefits both communities and not a conceptual document
- That any such agreement would be ratified by all parties authorised to do so.

In terms of why a sister city agreement should be established, there was consensus that in line with the guidelines and framework offered by Sister Cities International in Washington DC, such an agreement between these two cities would indeed enable both parties to:

- Exchange ideas and develop friendship on a direct personal basis.
- Establish an identity as members of the global family involved in the constructive process of building world peace.

- o Develop a way for the many and diverse elements of each community to come together to enjoy and profit from a cooperative program.
- o Open new dialogues with each other to find unique solutions to improving the quality of life of all citizens.
- o Participate in a program with a real partner so all members of the community can feel they are contributing to international understanding in a direct personal way.
- o Better understand their own community by interpreting their way of life to the people of another culture

Against this background I am pleased to inform you that Honourable Mayor Councillor Mhlayi has communicated his written intent to proceed as stated in the attached letter addressed to Honourable Mayor Barrett. In his letter he has re-iterated the areas of co-operation that were explored during the video conference in January 2008.

I wish to add that the Consulate General of South Africa on behalf of the Government of South Africa fully supports the initiative and would still fulfil a facilitative role.

In the context of that role I would request that you submit this commitment to the Honourable Mayor and Council and that you please inform us of the outcome. It would be most appreciated if you would also verify the processes that need to be followed as informed by the Sister Cities International organisation in DC.

You will note that the City of uMhlathuze proudly boasts an emblem that depicts through the majestic Osprey Eagle its determination to transform "Vision into Action". This is much in tune with South Africa's journey which we hope the people of Milwaukee will be pleased to be a part of.

Please do call on me should you require any further input or clarification.

Sincerely



Yusuf Omar  
Consul General of South Africa for Midwest USA.



# City of UMHLATHUZE

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Dear Mayor Barrett

## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MALWAUKEE

As the Mayor of uMhlathuze Municipality, in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, I am writing to request a cooperative agreement with the City of Milwaukee and to officially enter into a Sister City agreement.

In forming the Sister City relationship, it is my intention to build upon the foundation of friendship which our two countries enjoy. Being strategically placed within South Africa, with the only deepwater port in Africa, and being the third largest economy in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, I believe that we will have considerable mutual benefit in establishing a relationship with your municipality.

My belief is that the foundation of the relationship with the City of Milwaukee will be entrenched on the following elements:

- Economic development which will include the promotion of trade and investment in our two cities
- Sports (South Africa will be hosting the 2010 Soccer World Cup)



- Tourism and cultural promotion and exchanges (also youth and women)
- Possible transfer and exchange of skills and development of government officials
- Promotion of exchanges of enterprises and non-governmental relations
- Development of technology transfer
- Promotion of education and health.

The City of uMhlathuze also had the privilege to host, the Honourable Ald Joe Davis during his visit to our province, where we had extensive discussions on the possible relationship between our two esteemed localities. These discussions indicated to me that there is most certainly a match on the key sectors we focus on as well as a number of initiatives that we focus on.

South Africa's representative, the Honourable Consul General Yusuf Omar has been continuing in the representation of our interests in discussions with your municipality and the business community. I know that our Chamber of Commerce, Zululand Chamber Foundation is also initiating partnerships with your respective chambers.

In the spirit of mutual friendship, I am requesting that you consider this request favourable and that we develop this relationship further.

Yours sincerely



**CLR A Z MNQAVI**  
**MAYOR OF UMHLATHUZE MUNICIPALITY**  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**Davis Sr., Joe**

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**From:** Neville Matjie [neville@tikzn.co.za]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2008 8:15 AM  
**To:** Charles Manuel  
**Cc:** Davis Sr., Joe  
**Subject:** FW: City of Milwaukee  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** John MacFarlane [mailto:john@zululandchamber.co.za]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2008 07:32 AM  
**To:** Neville Matjie  
**Subject:** RE: City of Milwaukee

Will do.  
Thanks John.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Neville Matjie [mailto:neville@tikzn.co.za]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2008 04:38 PM  
**To:** John MacFarlane  
**Subject:** RE: City of Milwaukee

Dear John

Thank you for your letter, could you kindly put it on your letterhead, sign and fax to me.

Thank you

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**From:** John MacFarlane [mailto:john@zululandchamber.co.za]  
**Sent:** 29 January 2008 04:33 PM  
**To:** Magugu Rapuleng; Neville Matjie  
**Subject:** RE: City of Milwaukee

Good Afternoon Neville,

As I was not at the video conference I am not quite sure what is required by you.

The Chamber Manager.  
Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce and Industry,

Dear Sir

WITH  
ZULULAND CHAMBER OF BUSINESS, LETTER OF INTENT > RE TWINNING  
MILWAUKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

At the outset this proposed twinning arrangement has received the total commitment of our Executive Committee and members.

The Zululand Chamber of Business has been in existence since 1926 and our mission Statement is "To protect and stimulate the local economy by providing a collective voice of business"

We would like to share our following current objectives with you and in return would hope to learn from your

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Chamber objectives.

- Ensure continued financial stability
- Growth of membership base.
- Key performance management.
- Internal and external communications.
- Trade delegations
- Promote and development of SMME(Small,Medium,and Micro enterprises)
- Review Chamber Services.
- Environmental policy.
- Corporate Social Investment Policy..

The intention of this twinning is to share and improve on respective membership services,corporate governance,and the general formation and workings of the Chambers.  
We could discuss Technology transfers,Joint Ventures,Partnerships,and possible Project Management once a twinning arrangement has been concluded.

Thank You

John MacFarlane  
Executive Manager,  
Zululand Chamber of Business.  
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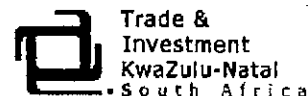
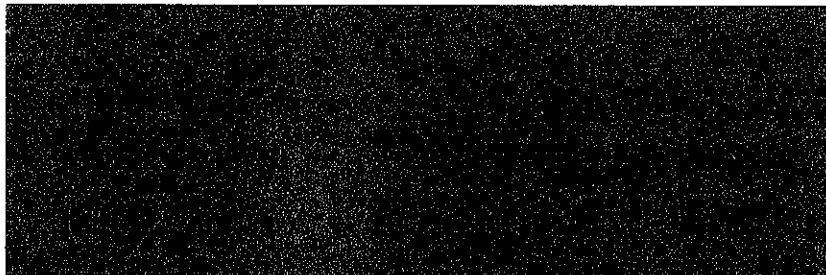
**From:** Magugu Rapuleng  
**Sent:** 29 January 2008 09:34 AM  
**To:** Neville Matjie  
**Cc:** John MacFarlane  
**Subject:** RE: City of Milwaukee

Hi Neville,

Have to run to the EC. I have left everything in the capable hands of my manager John McFarlane. His number is 0357971800.  
Best regards,  
Magugu

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**From:** Neville Matjie [mailto:neville@tikzn.co.za]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 3:14 PM  
**To:** Tonie Héyneke; Magugu Rapuleng  
**Cc:** Charles Manuel; charles.manuel@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** City of Milwaukee  
**Importance:** High



Good Day

Following the video conference with the City of Milwaukee, we were requested to prepare letters of intent on the twinning from both the Municipality and the Chamber. Could I kindly receive these by Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008, for me to collate and forward the collective to the SA

Consulate General's office in Chicago.

Regards,

**Neville Matjie**

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