

# Application For A Sister City Relationship\*

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	
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PROPOSED SISTER CITY	
Name	Carora
Country	Venezuela
Population	Approx. 100,000
EXISTING OR PRIOR U.S. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS	
Existing	Prior

## Please attach the following information:

### Information about the proposed sister city:

- A • Demographics
- B • Geographic description
- C • Historical background
- D • Governmental structure
- E • Educational system
- F • Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the proposed sister city in the areas of culture and business
- G • Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the proposed relationship
- H • Information regarding the local organizational structure in the proposed sister city that will support the relationship

### Information about the applicant organization:

- I • Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- J • Number of members and their professional and business background
- K • Goals of the organization regarding the proposed sister city relationship
- L • Current activities of the organization in relation to the proposed sister city
- M • Methods the organization will use to meet the goals of the proposed sister city relationship
- N • Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- O • Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange programs

*\*Note: Prior to filing an application, a letter of intent to establish a sister city relationship should be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee.*

# APPLICATION

## MILWAUKEE-CARORA SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

### A Demographics

As of 2008, the Municipality of Pedro León Torres has an estimated population of 209,820 inhabitants. According to the last census, the population presents the following characteristics:

- Torres represents 11.66% of the population of the State of Lara.
- There are 101 men for every 100 women.
- 41% of the population is younger than 15 years old.
- At the current rate, the population doubles every 44 years.

### B Geography

Located in an area of semi-arid humidity with an average rainfall of 734.68 mm, and an average temperature of 28°C (82°F), the geology of the Torres Municipality is very complex. It sits in an area where the large mountainous systems of the North of the country make contact with a quaternary depression of tectonic origin.

From the political/administrative point of view, the City of Carora, capital of the Torres Municipality, is located in the geographic center of the municipality, in the State of Lara, in the Parish of Trinidad Samuel.

The City of Carora is part of the Mid-Western region of the country, which includes the states of Lara, Falcón, Portuguesa, and Yaracuy.

### C Historical background

It is said that the name of Carora pays homage to its original inhabitants; those belonging to the "indomitable race": the Caroras indians. Under Spanish rule, the City of Carora was founded on two occasions. The first was in the year 1569 by Spanish Captain Juan del Thejo. The city was later abandoned due to the constant attacks made by the indigenous peoples who reclaimed their land. The City was re-founded in the year 1572 by Captain Juan de Salamanca under the name of San Juan Bautista de Portillo Carora.. The new settlers devoted the use of the land primarily to raising horses, mules and cattle. After the year 1659, Carora became the center for stockbreeding; cattle ranching, and mostly goat ranching. Sugar cane was introduced after the year 1607. About the middle of the 20th century, economic activity in Carora was introduced to the industrial development in the field of sugar cane.

By 1915 cattle ranching had become an intrinsic part of Carorian life. An important stockbreeding project gave birth to a cattle hybrid breed that was named Carora. Today, the Carora Cattle Breed is one of the most important components of the stockbreeding

industry in Venezuela. Our unique tropical breed of dairy cattle is our contribution to the world.

### **Some important dates in the history of Carora:**

- 1659.- Santa Cruz Hospital is founded and becomes the first hospital of Carora.
- 1770.- Trading of leather and leather goods manufacturing becomes the most important economic activity.
- 1810.- War of Independence: Several "Caroreños" (Carorans) are distinguished for their brave participation in the war. General Pedro León Torres was among these Carorians, after whom the Municipality is named.
- 1875.- The first printing press arrives at Carora and its first newspaper; La Patria, is published.
- 1890.- The first telegraph is installed.
- 1922.- Electricity is first brought to Carora by concerned citizens.
- 1925.- The Tras-Andean Highway is inaugurated. This highway connects the municipality with Caracas and the rest of the Western region of the country.
- 1947.- Carora's Colonial Zone is designated as Historic Patrimony of Venezuela.
- 1948.- The first radio station in Carora goes on the air for the first time.
- 1952.- The first sugar processing station is established.
- 1976.- The Central Azucarero de Carora (Carora Sugar Complex) is inaugurated.
- 2005.- Newly elected Mayor Julio Chávez summons the people of Carora to a Municipal Constituent Assembly in order to develop the new ordinances of the municipality.
- 2006.- The new municipal ordinances are approved by popular referendum, and establishes participatory democracy as the basic principle of the political structure of the municipality.

## **D Governmental Structure**

Under the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the law dictates that municipal governments have four main branches: Executive (the Mayor), Legislative (the Municipal Council), Fiscal (the Comptroller), and Planning (the Communal Councils of Public Planning).

The mission of the Office of the Mayor is to integrate necessities and capacities through the creation of plural programs that contribute to the sustainable development of the community.

The municipalities constitute the primary unit of national organization and possess legal character and autonomy subjected to the limitations set by the Constitution and the Law.

Within the field of its responsibilities, the actions of the Municipality will be accomplished by incorporating popular participation to the process of definition and execution of public administration and to the control and evaluation of the results, in an effective, sufficient, and timely manner, in accordance to the law.

#### Executive Branch:

The Government and the administration of the Municipality will be carried through by the Mayor, who will also be the main civil authority. The Mayor will be elected by the majority of people who vote for a period of four years and can only be reelected immediately after and only once for a new period.

#### Legislative Branch

The legislative function of the Municipality corresponds to the Council made of councilors elected as established by the Constitution.

#### Fiscal Control:

The control and supervision of the revenue, expenditure, and municipal property correspond to the Municipal Comptroller Office (without undermining the General Comptroller Office of the Republic). The Municipal Comptroller is appointed by the Council through public tender.

#### Planning and Participatory Budget:

The Communal Council of Public Planning is chaired by the Mayor and is composed of councilors, presidents of Parish boards, and representatives of the Communal Councils, as established by the law.

Its duties are the planning and execution of the municipal budget. Under this system, the communities decide how to allocate the resources and what projects will be executed. Through the popular assemblies citizens diagnose the needs and coordinate the projects that will meet these needs.

With over 500 communal councils distributed in 17 parishes, the Municipality of Torres is a vivid example of the protagonist character of citizen participation in public affairs.

In this regard, the Participatory Budget philosophy in Torres broke away from the traditional conception of the budget, previously defined as a matter exclusively addressed by technical professionals and politicians. Now, the municipal budget is regarded as a fundamentally political matter where the community involved decides the future of their own resources.

## **E Educational System**

The educational system of our Municipality consists of the private and public sectors. Public education is absolutely free. The public educational sector is comprised of several educational systems and levels; "Simoncitos" schools are designed for children four to six years of age. Bolivarian schools and high schools provide basic, secondary, and

diversified student formation. Bolivarian schools provide school supplies, meals, and uniforms free of charge. Also, the public sector provides institutions for Special Education.

Torres also houses a campus of the Universidad Experimental Politécnica (Experimental Polytechnic University), which addresses engineering students, as well as, the Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado (Lisandro Alvarado Midwestern University), which focuses on careers relating to agriculture. The recently established Universidad de Carora, will include Departments of Education, Engineering, Economics, and Industrial Relations.

Alongside these institutions, the government has implemented what is called "Misiones Educativas" or Educational Missions. These "missions" are national projects that address the needs of citizens of any age who have had to abandon the traditional educational system. These Missions are developed with the participation of different communities and start off with "Misión Robinson", which is aimed at eliminating illiteracy. The following missions are: Misión Ribas; basic education, and "Misión Sucre"; which delivers higher education to the whole country through the decentralization or "municipalization" of education and opens the doors of its graduates to the Bolivarian University of Venezuela.

## **F Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the proposed Sister City in the areas of culture and business:**

We strongly believe that there can be some very fruitful exchanges and cooperation in economic, social, cultural, and educational areas that will allow us to link knowledge and experiences that in turn will benefit both of our cities.

### **Culture:**

Our rich, multi-faceted, and sonorous culture of African and indigenous influence, our profoundly striking scenery where dry and sub-humid geographies come together, along with the empowering social experiences taking place, make our Carora an ideal place for the new generation of tourists.

Carora is teeming with innate talent for music; a musician (often more than one) can be found in almost every household in our city. Our region keeps musical traditions where religious elements are mixed with indigenous and African aspects of our culture to produce varied cultural expressions such as the "Golpe" and the "Tamunague" or dance of blacks.

Carora has been birthplace to countless poets, intellectuals, and as mentioned before, great musicians. Some of the natives include: world renowned virtuoso of the guitar Alirio Díaz, politician and intellectual Chío Zubillaga, journalists Héctor Mújica and Federico Álvarez (both have been Directors of the School of Social Communication of

the Central University of Venezuela), historian Guillermo Morón, Director of the National Academy of History; the pioneer of Pediatrics in our country Dr. Pastor Oropeza; pioneer of Psychiatry in Venezuela Dr. Ricardo Álvarez, and Father Salvador Montes de Oca, (perhaps the only Venezuelan killed during WW II by the Nazis).

Our communities have practiced pottery, crafts and ceramics for centuries. Caroran craftsmen and women who create string instruments deserve honorable mention since these instruments have been considered to be the best in the country.

We believe that the history of our people, our traditions and customs must go beyond our Municipality; they must transcend borders. We believe that we must preserve and share our culture because this is our greatest wealth. That is why we strongly and decidedly support cultural and educational exchanges that will allow us to deepen our intellect and the passion we feel for the culture of our citizens.

### **Business:**

With regard to our economic activity, next we will give a description of our productive capacities.

### **Stockbreeding and dairy products:**

Stockbreeding is a very important activity in our municipality. The number of goats reach over 400,000 from which various products are produced, especially dairy products.

Among our livestock is the Carora breed, which is the product of a genetic mix of crossing the Bos Taurus (originally from Spain), the Brown Swiss from Switzerland and the Cebú breed from the U.S. The natural selection that occurred during decades privileged the genes of the Carora Breed: resulting in rusticity, docility, strength, vigor, fertility, excellent dairy production and ability to withstand tropical climate.

The Carora Breed is one of the most important components of national stockbreeding and we are proud to assert that we have given the world the only tropical dairy cattle breed capable of producing 3,500 annual liters, thus placing our Municipality among the largest producers of meat and dairy products (especially cheese) in Venezuela.

We are aware that Wisconsin is also a major player in the production of milk and dairy products; we believe that we can have fruitful exchanges of technology and experiences among our producers in this field.

It is important to mention that our Municipality is in the process of creating the Endogenous Training, Reproduction, and Research Center of the Carora Cattle Breed. The Center's goal is to further produce and socialize this breed in order to increase dairy production.

### **Wines:**

Through a productive harvest of grapes and the construction of maturation warehouses in our semiarid region, the firm Pomar has created a wine that allowed Venezuela to be admitted to the Global Wine Directory, and which has reached high levels of quality in just a few decades.

**Agriculture:**

Our region has two sugar refineries that produce roughly 20% of the country's sugar. Our region also has a significant production of onions, tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe melons, mushrooms, and coffee, among other produce.

All of the above gives us the confidence to affirm with certainty that any economic activity in our region can be subjected to a process of cooperation between our cities, allowing the export of the above items, as well as the interaction and exchange of knowledge and experiences, the latter being one of the most important points of this agreement.

**G Details of communication and consultation with the Sister City regarding the proposed friendship:**

The Mayor of Carora, Julio Chavez, visited Milwaukee on July 21, 2006, to meet with local Sister City activists and elected officials. The following year, the Chair of the Sister Cities Committee of the Common Council visited Carora and met with Mayor Chavez. Additionally, a number of Milwaukee residents and Sister City proponents spent months in Carora, teaching English and promoting the concept of the Sister City agreement. Since then, a special committee to support the Sister Cities agreement has been formed in Carora, and numerous community groups called "Communal Councils" are also publicly supporting the agreement (see below).

Office of the Mayor Julio Chavez  
TelFax: 01158- 252-4214655

**H Information regarding the local organizational structure of the proposed Sister City that will support the relationship:**

Committee to Promote the Peoples' Integration:  
TelFax: 01158- 252-4214655

**Members:**

Mariela Romero: Coordinator of Misión Sucre (educational mission)

Victor Garcia: Community Leader

Julio Gomez: Member of Participación Ciudadana (Citizen Participation)

Laura Herrera: Coordinator of Casa de la Diversidad Cultural (House for Cultural Diversity)

Hector Rodríguez: Member of "Los Quediches" Agricultural Co-op

**Communal Councils supporting the Agreement:**

\* Brasil Parte Baja Communal Council  
Trinidad Samuel Parish - Carora  
Mario Querales

\* San Juan y el Bosque Communal Council  
Trinidad Samuel Parish - Las Palmitas  
Nohemi Medina

\* Santo Domingo Communal Council  
Trinidad Samuel Parish - Carora  
Dora Álvarez

\* Agua Salada Communal Council  
Camacaro Parish  
Pablo López

## **Goals of the organization regarding the proposed sister city relationship**

Our goals are essentially the same as those laid out on the Sister Cities international website. By developing a municipal partnerships between Milwaukee and Carora, we hope to provide opportunities for city officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures; create an atmosphere in which economic and community development can be implemented and strengthened; stimulate environments through which communities will creatively learn, work, and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects; and also to collaborate with organizations in the U.S. and abroad countries which share similar goals. We are especially interested in promoting ties of this nature with Venezuela given the heated rhetoric between the leaders of our two countries, despite the many shared interests and traditions of our peoples. Through the Sister Cities agreement, we hope to keep grassroots ties between the people of the two countries strong, regardless of any disagreements on the government level.



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**Board of Directors  
January - December 2008**

Mark Foreman, President  
Retired teacher  
Veterans for Peace, Chapter 102

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**P. O. Box 2508  
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**Date:** DEC 22 1998

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513-684-5936  
**Federal Identification Number:**  
39-1484984

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your request for a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in January 1985 granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

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Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

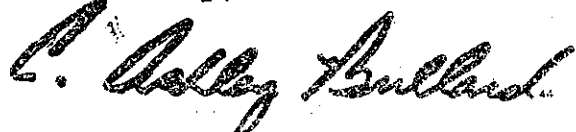
Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

Please direct any questions to the person identified in the letterhead above.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Ashley Bullard".

C. Ashley Bullard  
District Director

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# Bylaws of Peace Education Project of Peace Action-Milwaukee, Inc.

## Section I Name and Location

The name of the corporation is the Peace Education Project of Peace Action-Milwaukee, Inc. It will conduct its activities primarily in the State of Wisconsin.

## Section II Purposes

This organization is incorporated in the State of Wisconsin as a non-profit, non-stock corporation for charitable and educational purposes as may qualify it for exemption from income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In the fulfillment of such purposes the corporation may exercise any and all powers of a corporation organized under the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, making donations for the public welfare or for charitable or educational purposes, or otherwise promoting such purposes either directly or by grants or other activities in aid of other organizations, enterprises or persons.

More specifically, such purposes include, but are not limited to research, publication and dissemination of information on:

- weapons of mass destruction, nuclear power, and the problems associated with these technologies;
- economic peace conversion and meeting social needs;
- the international weapons trade;
- nonviolence.

## Section III Prohibited Activities

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, directors, officers of other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or to otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding, any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall

not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

## **Section IV Board of Directors**

### **A. Role and Composition**

The affairs of the organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors. There shall be at least 3 directors chosen initially by the Steering Committee of Peace Action-Milwaukee, Inc. These directors will not be members of the Steering Committee of Peace Action-Milwaukee, Inc. Subsequent members to the Board of Directors shall be recruited and appointed by the Board itself.

Board members are accountable for the official duties and the exercise of good judgment in all board and organizational matters. They must always act in the best interests of the organization.

### **B. Term**

Board members terms of office shall be one year. Each member shall hold office for the term to which appointed and until his or her successor takes office. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive years a Board member may serve.

### **C. Resignation**

Voluntary resignation shall take effect when the secretary receives a written notice of resignation. Absence without leave from two consecutive board meetings shall constitute voluntary resignation.

### **D. Removal**

Any member of the Board may propose that any other member of the board be removed for the good of the organization. If a majority of the members of the board agree, the member in question shall be removed.

### **E. Vacancy**

Any vacancy on the board may be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

### **F. Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet twice yearly. Special meetings shall be called by the president upon request by the staff or other board members. A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. Time and place of meetings shall be posted a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting and they shall be open to the public.

## **Section V Officers**

### **A. Election**

The board shall elect from its members a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

### **B. Removal**

An officer shall be removed from his or her office when removed from the Board of Directors or when the board decides that the duties of the office are not being properly conducted. The officer must be given at least three days notice before any such vote may be taken. If consensus is not achieved on such a vote (excluding the officer at issue) the vote shall be postponed until at least the following meeting but may be decided by a majority if consensus is not achieved.

### **C. The President**

The president shall set the agenda for the meetings with assistance from the staff, convene board meetings, sign official documents, letters, and be a spokesperson for the organization when needed.

### **D. The Vice-President**

The vice-president shall assume the responsibilities of the president when the president is unable to fulfill them, and see that all necessary reviews are conducted when needed, e.g. employee reviews, insurance policy reviews, etc.

### **E. The Secretary**

The Secretary shall take minutes or appoint someone else to do so, and see that all official documents are filed/placed where they belong.

### **F. The Treasurer**

The treasurer shall be responsible for the fiscal affairs of the organization (oversee the budget and operating finances).

## **Section VI Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

## **Section VII Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the officers then on the board. Any proposed changes shall be circulated to the board members at least one month prior to the next meeting.

**Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin (PEP)  
Proposed attestation of policy and an addition to the PEP Bylaws:**

A portion of our Community Shares income each year comes from the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC). The SECC has various regulations for organizations receiving their funds, two of which should be written into our bylaws to ensure that we can continue receiving their funds. Here are two concerns that they want us to address:

**1. SECC Section 30.05(5): Funds contributed to this organization through the Wisconsin SECC shall be used for the announced purposes of the organization.**

While this has been included in our letter of attestation (as signed by PEP treasurer, Virgine Lawinger), it would be prudent to also have the entire PEP Board sign off on this statement. So:

**“Funds contributed to the Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin through the Wisconsin SECC shall be used for the announced purposes of the organization.”**

Approved by: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	date: <u><i>Feb. 21, 2007</i></u>
Approved by: <u><i>Jan B. Linton</i></u>	date: <u><i>Feb 21 2007</i></u>
Approved by: <u><i>Carelyn Keck</i></u>	date: <u><i>2/2/2007</i></u>
Approved by: <u><i>George (Sh) Schmitt</i></u>	date: <u><i>2/2/07</i></u>
Approved by: <u><i>Michael Krehel - PEP</i></u>	date: <u><i>2/2/07</i></u>
Approved by: _____	date: _____
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The Peace Education Project of

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On Behalf of the Peace Education Project Board of Directors, I attest to the following:

I. The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin (PEP) is a recognized tax-exempt charitable organization under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)3. All contributions to PEP through the Wisconsin SECC shall be used for the announced purposes of our organization, as stated in our mission statement:

The mission of the Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin is to effect social change by educating and empowering citizens on peace and social justice issues through educational programs, materials and resources.

II. The PEP Board of Directors must give prior authorization for any significant variation from the approved PEP budget.

III. PEP's fundraising practices include the following safeguards: (1) Publicity and promotional activities are based upon the actual program and operations of the Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin. (2) The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin does not sell or otherwise permit others to use lists of WI SECC charitable contributors. (3) The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin does not mail unordered tickets or merchandise with a request for money in return.

IV. The Personnel Policy of Peace Action Wis. applies to all PEP employees, and reads as follows:

#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO)/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

It shall be the policy of Peace Action-WI not to discriminate in regard to age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, parental status, marital status, citizenship status, or any other class protected by applicable state or federal laws.

This EEO policy shall apply to persons served by PA-WI to the employment practices of PA-WI, to membership on the PA-WI governing structures. Further PA-WI shall actively seek to include on its staff and governing units persons from the principal minority groups present in the areas served by PA-WI and PEP, and members of all genders.

#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

In recognition of the necessity for providing equal employment opportunity and affirmative action for our employees, PA-WI establishes that: There shall be equal employment opportunity in all practices dealing with recruitment, hiring, pay, placement, benefits, training, work assignments, termination, layoff, and recall.

Respectfully signed, Virgine Lawinger Date: 1-23-07

Print Name: Virgine Lawinger PEP Board position: Treas

For more information you may contact:

Matthew Scholtes, Office Manager

Ph: 414-964-5158, [matt@peaceactionwi.org](mailto:matt@peaceactionwi.org)



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2. SECC Section 30.05(9): This organization conducts its fiscal operations with a detailed annual budget, prepared and approved at the beginning of each fiscal year by the board of directors. Prior authorization by the board of directors is required for any significant variation from the approved budget.

The SECC specifically wants to see this language in our bylaws, so here is how I would propose to change our bylaws:

Add the following paragraph to the top of Section III, Prohibited Activities:

**"The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin conducts its fiscal operations with a detailed annual budget, prepared and approved at the beginning of each fiscal year by the PEP board of directors. Prior authorization by the PEP board of directors is required for any significant variation from the approved budget."**

Approved by: Rachael Richardson-Waga date: 3/2/07

Approved by: Virgine Lawrence date: 3/2/07

Approved by: Carolyn Klein date: 3/2/07

Approved by: Shy Santel date: 3/2/07

Approved by: Mark Stenzen date: 3/14/07

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF**  
**PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION WISCONSIN**

The undersigned, being the directors of Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin (the "Corporation"), hereby adopt, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held this 18th day of October, 2007, the following resolutions amending the Bylaws of the Corporation, and, in so doing, waive all notices, statutory and other wise, that may otherwise be required as a condition to the holding of such meeting:

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation, in further of its educational and cultural purposes, wishes to file an application for a permit to construct a new noncommercial educational FM radio station, hereinafter the "Proposed Station", to serve Chenequa, Wisconsin, hereinafter referred to as the "Community", and

**WHEREAS**, in the event that competing applications are received, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") favors applicants that are, and that will commit to remain, an "established local entity", and that provide, and that will commit to provide, "local diversity of ownership" pursuant to the attached portions of Sections 73.7000, Section 73.7003(b)(1), Section 73.7003(b)(2) of the FCC's Rules, and Section 73.7005 of the FCC's Rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation is and shall remain as "established local entity" and shall provide "local diversity of ownership" with respect to the application for the Proposed Station: and

**WHEREAS**, neither the Corporation nor any member of its Board of Directors has any attributable interest in any radio station or any authorized construction permit for a radio station whose principal community contour overlaps the principal community contour of the Proposed Station; and

**WHEREAS**. The directors of the Corporation seek to amend the Bylaws of the Corporation to preserve its qualifications as an established local applicant and to provide local diversity of ownership for the applicable holding period in the FCC's rules.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE Bylaws of the Corporation are hereby amended to add a new sentence at the end of Section I as follows:

Section I. LOCATION

The principal office of the corporation is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and shall remain within 25 miles of the reference coordinates of Chenequa, Wisconsin.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Bylaws of the Corporation are hereby amended to add the following sentence to the end of Section III:

The corporation will not hold any other FCC-defined attributable interest in any other radio broadcast station or authorized construction permit for a radio station the FCC-defined principal community contour of which overlaps that of the Corporation's

proposed or, if applicable, constructed station at Chenequa, Wisconsin.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Bylaws of the Corporation are hereby amended to add a new Paragraph G to section IV:

Paragraph G. Qualifications of Directors

Directors must not hold any FCC-defined attributable interest in any other radio broadcast station or authorized construction permit for a radio station the FCC-defined principal community contour of which overlaps that of the corporation's proposed or, if applicable, constructed station at Chenequa, Wisconsin.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Bylaws of the Corporation are hereby amended to revise Section VII:

Section VII. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Directors, provided that the amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous meeting of the Board or shall have been distributed to the Board either by mail or electronically at least three days before the vote on the amendment. The above notwithstanding, the by-laws of the corporation shall not be amended in any manner that causes the corporation to lose its qualifications as an established local entity and for local diversity of ownership under FCC Rules 73.7003(b)(2) and (3), or any successor provisions, for as long as the corporation has an application for a new noncommercial educational radio station pending for Chenequa, Wisconsin, and if applicable, for the holding period under FCC Rule 73.7005, or any successor provision.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being the members of the Board of Directors, have adopted these Resolutions of the Board of Directors Amending the Bylaws of Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin.

Joan Bladorn

Virginia Lawinger

~~Paul Conway~~

Carolyn Kevik

Shy (George) Schul

Barthol Rhades

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## K **Current Activities of the organization in regards to the Sister City agreement**

-In June of 2006, Mr. Bernardo Alvarez Herrera, Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, visited Milwaukee during a reception and information sharing session in City Hall, followed by a meeting with Mayor Tom Barrett. The discussion included Milwaukee's proposed Sister City relationship with Carora.

-On July 21 of 2006, Mayor of Carora Julio Chavez visited City Hall and met with Mayor Barrett to discuss the Sister City proposal and other possible agreements, such as free eye surgery and heating oil assistance.

-Venezuelan Supreme Court Justice Fernando Vegas, who holds a masters degree in the Laws of Economic Integration and has worked with international companies that do business in Venezuela, held a reception in City Hall in April of 2006 during his nationwide speaking tour.

-In January of 2007, a delegation of Milwaukee-area citizens visited Carora as part of promotion for the proposed Sister City agreement, during which they visited free public health care clinics, classrooms of new educational initiatives, worker-owned businesses, and the mountainous region outside of Carora to enjoy the region's natural beauty. The delegation also offered a full experience of Carora's culture through art, food, music, and time spent relaxing and chatting with local Venezuelans.

-During 2006 and 2007, Milwaukee residents spent time living in Carora, teaching English and making connections with local people and institutions.

## L **Methods the organization will use to meet the goals of the proposed sister city relationship**

A few examples of the types of projects that will result from the sister cities agreement:

**People-to-people delegations:** Delegations of Milwaukee citizens to Carora, Carorans visiting Milwaukee.

**Language training:** Milwaukeeans can help teach Venezuelans English, and Venezuelans can help teach Milwaukeeans Spanish (In formal classes and exchanges as well as informally during the people-to-people exchanges).

**Exchange of business:** Promotion of business ties, including fair trade, between Milwaukee and Carora in various commodities and products

**Educational events** focused on raising awareness the Milwaukee community about the sister city relationship and promoting sister city events (film series, speakers, etc).

**Exchange of information:** sharing knowledge of agriculture, education, healthcare, culture, etc.

**Exchange of art:** gallery in Carora of Milwaukee artwork and gallery in Milwaukee of Caroran artwork, sale of Caroran artisan work here in Milwaukee.

**Exchange of music:** Caroran musicians perform in Milwaukee, Milwaukee musicians perform in Carora.

## **M Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship**

See attached "Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax." These funds will be supplemented with fundraisers specifically aimed to raise money for the Sister Cities agreement.

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

**2006**

**TAXPAYER'S COPY**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the 2006 calendar year, or tax year beginning **2006**, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.  
**PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION**  
**-WISCONSIN, INC.**  
**1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE**  
**MILWAUKEE, WI 53212**

**D** Employer identification number  
**39-1484984**

**E** Telephone number  
**414-964-5158**

**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.  
**H (a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ...  Yes  No  
**H (b)** If 'Yes,' enter number of affiliates \_\_\_\_\_  
**H (c)** Are all affiliates included? ...  Yes  No  
 (If 'No,' attach a list. See instructions.)  
**H (d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**I** Group Exemption Number ... \_\_\_\_\_

**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**G** Web site: **WWW.PEACEACTIONWI.ORG**

**J** Organization type (check only one)  501(c) **3** (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 9b, 10b, and 12. ... **58,684**.

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)**

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:			
	a	Contributions to donor advised funds	1a		
	b	Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b	34,672.	
	c	Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c	8,745.	
	d	Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d		
	e	Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ <u>43,417.</u> noncash \$ _____)	1e		43,417.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3		
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		414.
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5		
	6a	Gross rents	6a		
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b		
c	Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c			
7	Other investment income (describe _____)	7			
ASSETS	8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	8a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		8b	
	c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)		8c	
	d	Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)		8d	
EVENTS	9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1b)	9a	4,529.	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	1,207.	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a	9c	STATEMENT. 1	3,322.	
SALES	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	9,823.	
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b	4,465.	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a	10c	STATEMENT. 2	5,358.
OTHER	11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11		501.
	12	Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12		53,012.
EXPENSES	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		42,658.
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		6,061.
	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		2,867.
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16		
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 16 and 44, column (A)	17		51,586.
NET	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18		1,426.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		23,818.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20		
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20	21		25,244.

**Part III Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22a Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22a			
22b Other grants and allocations (att sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22b			
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25a Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc listed in Part V-A (attach sch)	25a	0.	0.	0.
b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc listed in Part V-B (attach sch)	25b	0.	0.	0.
c Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)	25c	0.	0.	0.
26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c	26	30,944.	27,850.	619.
27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c	27			
28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	28			
29 Payroll taxes	29			
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31	2,904.		2,904.
32 Legal fees	32			
33 Supplies	33	1,098.	966.	22.
34 Telephone	34			
35 Postage and shipping	35			
36 Occupancy	36	6,205.	5,957.	124.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38 Printing and publications	38	5,099.	4,589.	408.
39 Travel	39			
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40			
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42			
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a DUES	43a	850.	765.	29.
b EDUCATIONALS	43b	2,453.	2,453.	
c LICENSES & FEES	43c	78.	78.	
d OTHER	43d	1,955.		1,955.
e	43e			
f	43f			
g	43g			
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15)	44	51,586.	42,658.	6,061.

Joint Costs. Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If 'Yes,' enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE STATEMENT 3
All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)

a TO WORK FOR POSITIVE, PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES TO WAR AND MILITARISM.

(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here...

42,658.

b

(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here...

c

(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here...

d

(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here...

e Other program services

(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here...

f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) 42,658.

BAA



**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	45 Cash – non-interest-bearing .....	5,806.	45	12,335.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments .....	11,903.	46	12,317.
	47a Accounts receivable .....	47a 8,315.		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....	47b	7,269.	47c 8,315.
	48a Pledges receivable .....	48a		48c
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....	48b		
	49 Grants receivable .....			49
	50a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) .....			50a
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule) .....			50b
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) .....	51a		51c
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....	51b		
	52 Inventories for sale or use .....			52
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....			53
	54a Investments – publicly-traded securities .....	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54a
	b Investments – other securities (attach sch) .....	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54b
	55a Investments – land, buildings, & equipment: basis .....	55a		55c
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) .....	55b		
	56 Investments – other (attach schedule) .....			56
	57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis .....	57a		57c
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) .....	57b			
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ▶ .....			58	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58 .....		24,978.	59	32,967.
LIABILITIES	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	1,160.	60	7,723.
	61 Grants payable .....		61	
	62 Deferred revenue .....		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) .....		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) .....		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) .....		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ .....		65	
	66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65 .....		1,160.	66
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted .....	23,818.	67	21,384.
	68 Temporarily restricted .....		68	3,860.
	69 Permanently restricted .....		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds .....		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund .....		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		72	
	73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21) .....		23,818.	73
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73 .....		24,978.	74	32,967.

**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return** (See the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		a	141,894.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:			
	1 Net unrealized gains on investments	b1		
	2 Donated services and use of facilities	b2		
	3 Recoveries of prior year grants	b3		
	4 Other (specify): SEE STM 4	b4	88,882.	
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	88,882.
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	53,012.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify):	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d		e	53,012.

**Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return**

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	156,355.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:			
	1 Donated services and use of facilities	b1		
	2 Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2		
	3 Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3		
	4 Other (specify): SEE STMT 5	b4	104,769.	
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	104,769.
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	51,586.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a:			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify):	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d		e	51,586.

**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 6		0.	0.	0.



Part VI Other Information (continued)		Yes	No
82 a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?		X
b	If 'Yes,' you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82 b	N/A
83 a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	X	
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to <i>quid pro quo</i> contributions?	X	
84 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		N/A
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85 a	N/A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85 b	N/A
If 'Yes' was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.			
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85 c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85 d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85 e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85 f	N/A
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85 g	N/A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85 h	N/A
86	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86 a	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86 b	N/A
87	501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87 a	N/A
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87 b	N/A
88 a	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Part IX.	88 a	X
b	At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XI.	88 b	X
89 a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <u>0</u> ; section 4912 <u>0</u> ; section 4955 <u>0</u> .		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement explaining each transaction.	89 b	X
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.		0
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization.		0
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	89 e	X
f	All organizations. Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?	89 f	X
g	For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	89 g	X
90 a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <u>WI</u>		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2006 (See instructions.)	90 b	3
91 a	The books are in care of <u>THERESA SCHWAGER</u> Telephone number <u>414-964-5158</u> Located at <u>1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE, MILWAUKEE WI</u> ZIP + 4 <u>53212-1710</u>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country. <u></u>	91 b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			

**Part VI Other Information** (continued)

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? 91 c  Yes  No

If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country. ▶

92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here. N/A

and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ 92 N/A

**Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities** (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees & contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings & temporary cash invmnts.			14	414.	
96 Dividends & interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from pers prop					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events			1	3,322.	
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory			1	5,358.	
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b FISCAL AGENT FEES			1	501.	
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				9,595.	
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					9,595.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

**Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes** (See the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
N/A	

**Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities** (See the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

**Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts** (See the instructions.)

a Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

b Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

Note: If 'Yes' to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

**Part XI** Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13).

106 Did the reporting organization make any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If 'Yes,' complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

Yes	No
	X

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	-----			
b	-----			
c	-----			
<b>Totals</b>				

107 Did the reporting organization receive any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If 'Yes,' complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

Yes	No
	X

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	-----			
b	-----			
c	-----			
<b>Totals</b>				

108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

Yes	No
	X

**Please Sign Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print name and title \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See General Instruction W) N/A
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN		Phone no.
RITZ, HOLMAN, BUTALA, FINE LLP 330 E. KILBOURN STE. 550 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-3144	N/A		(414) 271-1451

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Organization Exempt Under  
Section 501(c)(3)**

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),  
501(n), or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Name of the organization <b>PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION -WISCONSIN, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>39-1484984</b>
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**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter 'None.')

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
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Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000		0		

**Part II A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter 'None.')

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		0

**Part II B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services**  
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter 'None.' See instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
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Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services		0

**Part III** Statements About Activities (See instructions.)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If 'Yes,' enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities . . . . ▶ \$ <u>N/A</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.)		X
Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking 'Yes' must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is 'Yes,' attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3a Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc? (If 'Yes,' attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?		X
c Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed statement.		X
d Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		X
4a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' complete lines 4b through 4g. If 'No,' complete lines 4f and 4g.		X
b Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		N/A
c Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		N/A
d Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year.		N/A
e Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year.		N/A
f Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts.		0
g Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year.		0.



**Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status** (See instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11 a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11 b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc, functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization: ▶

Type I  Type II  Type III-Functionally Integrated  Type III-Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
<b>Total</b> .....▶					0.

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)..... ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)...	35,025.	36,038.	35,468.	31,583.	138,114.
16 Membership fees received.....					0.
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc, purpose.....	14,868.	23,338.	8,522.		46,728.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975.....	169.	91.	42.	15.	317.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18.....					0.
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.....					0.
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.....					0.
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets. SEE STMT. 7..	3,084.	470.	1,660.	100.	5,314.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22....	53,146.	59,937.	45,692.	31,698.	190,473.
24 Line 23 minus line 17.....	38,278.	36,599.	37,170.	31,698.	143,745.
25 Enter 1% of line 23.....	531.	599.	457.	317.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24..... ▶					26 a 2,875.
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2002 through 2005 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts..... ▶					26 b 19,200.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)..... ▶					26 c 143,745.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 317. 19 _____					26 d 24,831.
22 5,314. 26 b 19,200.					
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)..... ▶					26 e 118,914.
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))..... ▶					26 f 82.73 %
27 Organizations described on line 12: N/A					
a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a 'disqualified person,' prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each 'disqualified person.' Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____ (2002) _____					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than 'disqualified persons'), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____ (2002) _____					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____					27 c _____
17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____					
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total.....					27 d _____
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)..... ▶					27 e _____
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e) .. ▶					27 f _____
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))..... ▶					27 g _____ %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))..... ▶					27 h _____ %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2002 through 2005, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See instructions.)

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		N/A	
		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If 'Yes,' please describe; if 'No,' please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
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32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
32a	a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?		
32b	b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		
32c	c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
32d	d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?		
If you answered 'No' to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			
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33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
33a	a Students' rights or privileges?		
33b	b Admissions policies?		
33c	c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		
33d	d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		
33e	e Educational policies?		
33f	f Use of facilities?		
33g	g Athletic programs?		
33h	h Other extracurricular activities?		
If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			
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34a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		
34b	b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered 'Yes' to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.		
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If 'No,' attach an explanation.		

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See instructions.)  
 (To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

N/A

Check  **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check  **b** if you checked 'a' and 'limited control' provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b>		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
(The term 'expenditures' means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying).....	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying).....	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37).....	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures.....	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39).....	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table --		
	If the amount on line 40 is --                      The lobbying nontaxable amount is --		
	Not over \$500,000..... 20% of the amount on line 40.....		
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000..... \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000..... \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	41	
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000..... \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
	Over \$17,000,000..... \$1,000,000.....		
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41).....	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36.....	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38.....	44	
Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.			

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount.....				
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e)).....				
47	Total lobbying expenditures.....				
48	Grassroots non-taxable amount.....				
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e)).....				
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures.....				

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**  
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See instructions.)

N/A

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers.....			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.).....			
c Media advertisements.....			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public.....			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements.....			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes.....			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body.....			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means.....			
i Total lobbying expenditures (add lines c through h.).....			

If 'Yes' to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.



PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION  
-WISCONSIN, INC.

39-1484984

STATEMENT 1  
FORM 990, PART I, LINE 9  
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS	GROSS RECEIPTS	LESS CONTRI- BUTIONS	GROSS REVENUE	LESS DIRECT EXPENSES	NET INCOME (LOSS)
LANTERNS FOR PEACE	2,597.	0.	2,597.	0.	2,597.
MOTHER'S DAY	1,564.	0.	1,564.	1,207.	357.
CEILI	310.	0.	310.	0.	310.
EDUCATIONAL FALL	58.	0.	58.	0.	58.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,529.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 4,529.</u>	<u>\$ 1,207.</u>	<u>\$ 3,322.</u>

STATEMENT 2  
FORM 990, PART I, LINE 10  
GROSS PROFIT (LOSS) FROM SALES OF INVENTORY

STORE SALES.....	\$ 9,823.
GROSS SALES.....	\$ 9,823.
LESS RETURNS & ALLOWANCES.....	0.
NET SALES.....	\$ 9,823.
LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD.....	4,465.
GROSS PROFIT FROM SALES OF INVENTORY.....	<u>\$ 5,358.</u>

STATEMENT 3  
FORM 990, PART III  
ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

PROMOTES PEACE, NON-VIOLENCE &amp; DISARMMENT

STATEMENT 4  
FORM 990, PART IV-A, LINE B(4)  
OTHER AMOUNTS

PEACE ACTION INCOME.....	\$ 88,882.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 88,882.</u>

STATEMENT 5  
FORM 990, PART IV-B, LINE B(4)  
OTHER AMOUNTS

PEACE ACTION EXPENSE.....	\$ 104,769.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 104,769.</u>

PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION  
-WISCONSIN, INC.

39-1484984

STATEMENT 6  
FORM 990, PART V-A  
LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED	COMPEN- SATION	CONTRI- BUTION TO EBP & DC	EXPENSE ACCOUNT/ OTHER
JOAN BLEIDOM 1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212-1710	OFFICER 1	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
MARK FOREMAN 1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212-1710	OFFICER 1	0.	0.	0.
VIRGINE LAWINGER 1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212-1710	TREASURER 1	0.	0.	0.
CAROLYN KEITH 1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212-1710	OFFICER 1	0.	0.	0.
CLEO PRUITT 1001 E KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212	OFFICER 1	0.	0.	0.
RACHAEL RICHARDSON-WORTZEL 1001 E KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212	OFFICER 1	0.	0.	0.
SKY SCHULTZ 1001 E KEEFE AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53212	OFFICER 1	0.	0.	0.
	TOTAL	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

STATEMENT 7  
SCHEDULE A, PART IV-A, LINE 22  
OTHER INCOME

DESCRIPTION	(A) 2005	(B) 2004	(C) 2003	(D) 2002	(E) TOTAL
TOTAL	\$ 3,084.	\$ 470.	\$ 1,660.	\$ 100.	\$ 5,314.

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box.
- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

**Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

Section 501(c)(3) corporations required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension – check this box and complete Part I only.

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for section 501(c)(3) corporations required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization <b>PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION -WISCONSIN, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>39-1484984</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE</b>	
	City, town or post office. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>MILWAUKEE, WI 53212</b>	state ZIP code

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- |  |  |                                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of. ▶ THERESA SCHWAGER

Telephone No. ▶ 414-964-5158 FAX No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box.
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box. . If it is for part of the group, check this box.  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a section 501(c)(3) corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 8/15, 2007, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above.

The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶  calendar year 2006 or
- ▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
c <b>Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.



• If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box.

**Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

**Part II: Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. You must file original and one copy.**

Type or print  File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization <b>PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT OF PEACE ACTION - WISCONSIN, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>39-1484984</b>	For IRS use only
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>1001 EAST KEEFE AVENUE</b>		
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>MILWAUKEE, WI 53212</b>		

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227	

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶ Katy Z Sommer Title ▶ CPA Date ▶ 8/14/07

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- We **have** approved this application. Please attach this form to the organization's return.
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- We **have not** approved this application. After considering the reasons stated in item 7, we cannot grant your request for an extension of time to file. We are not granting a 10-day grace period.
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July 2, 2008

Sister City Committee  
City of Milwaukee Common Council  
Milwaukee City Hall  
200 Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sister City Committee:

The Latin America Solidarity Committee at UWM (LASC) has always supported progressive movements for change and peace in Latin America by hosting speakers and cultural events; promoting student travel and study in various Latin American countries; sending election observers to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Venezuela; and by co-operating with other groups that advance such goals.

That is why, as past president of LASC, I was happy to be asked to write a letter in support of Milwaukee's proposed sister city project with Carora, Venezuela. LASC supported the efforts of the Milwaukee Bolivarian Circle to initiate the contacts with Carora and to bring their Mayor Julio Chavez to Milwaukee, and also to host Venezuela's Ambassador to the United States, Bernardo Alvarez, who is a native of Carora. We have supported and co-sponsored many of their events since then including encouraging students to travel to Venezuela to study and donate their time on civic projects such as literacy and teaching. Upon their return to Milwaukee, they gave presentations at the university and local colleges. It has been encouraging to see young people so enthusiastic about the sister city project that supports that type of people to people contact.

We believe the sister city project with Carora is important, particularly at a time when our national leaders' rhetoric tends to be so hostile and contrasts so sharply with the warm relationships between Milwaukeeans and Caroreños. We need people-to-people contact that will promote understanding and peace. Therefore we are happy to support the application for a sister city between Carora and Milwaukee.

In solidarity,

Babette Grunow

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**Peace Action Wisconsin**  
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June 30, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding: Endorsement of Sister City proposal for Carora, Venezuela by the Latin American Solidarity Committee

The Steering Committee of Peace Action Wisconsin has been enthusiastic about this development and endorses the above project. Its plans and activities will help educate and culturally benefit both the citizens of Milwaukee and Carora.

Peace Action Wisconsin has participated in the previous meetings at City Hall with the Mayor of Carora and Venezuela's Ambassador.

We urge support of this Sister City Proposal and the work of the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

Sincerely,

George Martin, Program Director

" Until the Lion writes his own story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."  
--African Proverb ---

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# Wrong direction on Venezuela

By BOB CHERNOW

MILWAUKEE  
JOURNAL SENTINEL

June 24, 2006

Venezuela last week made a good-faith effort to work with Milwaukee by offering discounted heating oil and free eye surgery to low-income city residents. Rather than reject this, we should see it as an opportunity.

The Journal Sentinel Editorial Board says Americans shouldn't be dependent on foreign governments for our energy needs and should conserve. I agree. But why dismiss Venezuela's overture? There is a disconnect.

From what I understand, Carora - Venezuela's proposed sister city to Milwaukee - wants an exchange between small business leaders, with a focus on minority-owned businesses. The last time I looked, business wasn't a socialist venture but something that we all want expanded. Cultural exchanges and tourism would also be part of the program.

The home heating oil program would discount fuel by 40% for Milwaukee's poor, but Carora wants Milwaukee to host its students to study English. It is not a gift but a barter.

The sister city program originated in the 1950s from Ed Zawacki, a conservative University of Wisconsin-Madison professor, who was my adviser and good friend. He thought that people who got to know each other would be less likely to go to war. President Eisenhower adopted part of the professor's idea for his Open Skies program. It was and is a good idea.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is often portrayed in a bad light, but what about President Bush's unsuccessful efforts to destabilize that country's democratically elected government? Bush has used U.S. tax dollars to support Chavez's

opposition in at least two elections. And he did not condemn Pat Robertson's call last year to assassinate Chavez.

Even America's support of youth baseball in Venezuela has become a propaganda tool rather than a way to heal a rift that both sides have escalated.

Walter Reuther, who was United Auto Workers president from 1946 to '70, once exclaimed, "Henry Ford is my best union organizer!" The same could be said of Bush to Chavez, who won his last election with 60% of the vote.

Alienating Venezuela makes no sense. We get 17% of our oil imports from that country, yet our government does whatever it can to try to destroy Chavez. Perhaps that is why Venezuela has sought other markets for its product.

China now has contracts to explore for oil. A \$2.5 billion refinery is being built in Brazil. Venezuela's tanker fleet is expanding from 21 to 58 ships.

The only logical explanation for Bush's policies regarding Venezuela is that he wants

to benefit his own financial base: independent oil and gas producers. This is not a good economic policy for our country.

Chavez is using his increased revenue to provide health and education to the poor, in hopes of improving their economic status. In the long run, this is good for all Venezuelans and good for America. An economically strong middle class in Venezuela provides new markets for our businesses.

What is needed is a way to mend the breach between Venezuela and the United States. A sister city program between Milwaukee and Carora is a good start and something that deserves support.

*Bob Chernow is a Milwaukee businessman, chairman of the Regional Telecommunications Commission and a former River Hills trustee.*

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# Venezuela to the Rescue? Milwaukeeans explore a sister-city relationship and closer ties

BY EVAN RYTLEWSKI

**W**hen Babbette Grunow visited Venezuela two years ago, she saw a very different country from the one portrayed in American newspapers and on television.

"We saw protests being held against the government, and [the citizens] weren't being repressed," she recalls. "But if you listen to our government talk about Venezuela, they make it sound like it's a dictatorship. I didn't see that. I saw a government that was trying to do things for people that basically hadn't been done for years."

Impressed by how Hugo Chavez's administration was addressing health care, poverty and literacy, earlier this year Grunow joined the Milwaukee Bolivarian Circle, a group founded by Milwaukee residents who had also visited Venezuela and shared experiences similar to Grunow's. The group seeks to educate Milwaukee about Venezuela's democratic socialist government, and is rallying support for Ald. Mike McGee Jr.'s proposal to adopt Carora, a progressive Venezuelan town with a strong dairy industry, as a sister city.

McGee suggested a sister-city partnership last February in a letter he sent to President Chavez, an outspoken enemy of the Bush administration criticized for his close ties to Iran and Cuba and for alleged human rights violations.

Although Chavez has engaged Bush in an increasingly tense war of words and

has publicly militarized Venezuela, he has also launched a goodwill campaign toward the United States, providing discounted heating oil to eight states and offering free eye surgery to low-income patients in Chicago who are willing to go to Venezuela for their operations.

## Diplomats Make Their Case

Last Tuesday, Venezuelan Ambassador Bernardo Alvarez Herrera and Venezuelan Consul General Martin Sanchez visited Milwaukee to discuss the sister-city partnership and announce their intentions to bring those oil and eye-surgery programs to Milwaukee.

Mayor Tom Barrett said the city still has to research the logistics of those programs, but he was keeping an open mind.

"My view is, if this is something that would help low-income people have a better standard of living, it'd be something I'm all in favor of," he said.

Barrett said he believed that employing these programs would not undermine the federal government.

"There are strange relationships between the leader of Venezuela and the United States, but [Venezuela's government wants] to create better relationships," he said. "I don't see this as something that would disrupt the foreign affairs of the United States, and the fact that they're working on [the heating-oil program] ... leads me to tentatively conclude there wouldn't be any problems."

Although the mayor did not take a stance on the Carora sister-city proposal,

## Hugo Chavez

Although the American media often equate Hugo Chavez to Fidel Castro, unlike the Cuban president, the Venezuelan president was democratically elected.

■ In 1992, Chavez, a career military officer, rose to prominence after attempting a coup against then-President Carlos Andrés Pérez.

■ With strong support from the lower class, Chavez was elected president in 1998 with 56% of the vote.

■ He won re-election in 2000 with 60% of the vote.

■ In 2002, Chavez was removed from office for two days during a brief, failed military coup that most of the world believes was supported by the Bush administration. The United States initially supported the coup plotters until the people of Venezuela restored their democratically elected president Chavez to power. After the coup failed, the Bush administration then condemned it.

■ In 2004, Chavez survived a recall effort with 59% of the popular vote. Although the losers in the election alleged voter fraud, the Carter Center certified the election results.

which is up to the Common Council to approve, he said in general he supports adopting sister cities.

Ald. Michael Murphy said he will back the sister-city proposal, even though he doesn't share the same assessment of Venezuela's government as McGee, who expressed admiration and support for Chavez in his February correspondence. The proposal will likely be controversial, Murphy explained, since Venezuela is perceived as an enemy by some, and that just having McGee's name on the proposal makes it "a lightning rod."

"I'm sure I'll be criticized for [supporting] it, but I feel very comfortable explaining to people why it's important," Murphy said. "Venezuela is, I believe, our third-largest energy partner in terms of poor relations with this country. It's imperative that we take the opportunity for us to get to know each other."

Murphy said the relationship would improve our understanding of an increasingly influential country, even if it is controversial.

"You don't always have to have sister-city relationships with countries you have good relationships with," he said. "It's probably more important to have them with countries you have bad relationships with."

What's your take? Write: [editor@shepherd-express.com](mailto:editor@shepherd-express.com). ■

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## Potential Sister City Could Present Business Opportunities

*Milwaukee Might Form Relationship with Carora, Venezuela*

By Bradley Wooten

August 4, 2006

Small Business Times

<http://www.biztimes.com/news/2006/8/4/potential-sister-city-could-present-business-opportunities>

The Milwaukee Common Council will consider a proposal to form a sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela. Carora Mayor Julio Chavez visited Milwaukee recently and met with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and local Hispanic community leaders to discuss the sister city proposal.

"I think if we can find a way to make the citizens of Milwaukee and Carora happy, I'm for it," Barrett said. "We're seeing what options (they) have to offer. It's our hope we can continue to find ways to sell them products, and I know they want to sell products to us."

"The sister city program will allow us to achieve and work toward economic goals as well as do a lot of exchanges in the areas of culture, science, education, etc," Chavez said.

Last October, Milwaukee forged a sister city partnership with Ningbo, China. The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce was integrally involved in its forming, going so far as to create it's own China Council.

However, an MMAC official said they haven't been contacted yet about the Venezuelan proposal.

"I don't know anything about it," said Pete Beitzel, vice president of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce. "Nobody bothered to approach us on it."

Venezuela officials have offered Milwaukee residents discounted home heating oil and free eye surgery for low-income patients who are willing to travel to Venezuela for their operations, should the partnership be established.

However, Milwaukee area businesses also might have a chance to capitalize on a sister city relationship.

"The meetings we had were very fruitful," said Milwaukee businessman Bob Chernow, who was tapped by Barrett to spearhead the sister city initiative with Carora. "I started making a laundry list of contacts to be made (because Carora officials) really have no contacts in Milwaukee."

Carora is largely in need of irrigation, dam and distribution systems to bring river and lake waters inland.

Badger Meter Inc. chairman, president and chief executive officer Richard Meeusen met with Carora officials recently. Meeusen said his firm is already doing business in Venezuela and plans to do more there.

Because of the scarcity and overuse of available water, it is important that it be metered, Meeusen said. Those using it should be charged, albeit for pennies, in order to better regulate water usage, he said.

"The water meters currently in place (in Carora) are copper," Meeusen said. "These are often vandalized-stolen because of the value of copper down there. We offer (Carora) discounted plastic meters which solve that problem."

The additional work that the business in Venezuela gives Badger Meter keeps its employees productive, Meeusen said. Large-scale meters for irrigation are a product Badger Meter can easily supply, he said.

"A partnership is great for both cities," Meeusen said. "They benefit from discounted products, and we benefit from exporting our products."

Beyond water, Carora needs assistance from the construction industry. There is a shortage of building materials there. Humid climates demand cement buildings for longevity and durability, but cement is hard to come by.

The country's people compete to work in the oil industry because it pays well. As a result, there is a shortage of agricultural workers. The government is responding by funneling money into small business development.

Additionally, Carora provides low-interest loans, low-cost equipment and technical assistance to its entrepreneurial citizens, Chavez said.

One way Chavez is enticing foreign business growth is by constructing an industrial park.

"It gives the opportunity for small businesses to acquire property in the industrial park and pay for it in the future when they actually start getting some income," Chavez said.

When businesses begin to turn a profit, currency exchange will not be problematic, Chavez said.

Milwaukee and Carora both have several businesses involved in the plastic, construction, food processing, canning and dairy industries.

Because Carora is building and revamping its hospitals, and medical technologies in Milwaukee are state-of-the-art, there are many opportunities for both cities, Chernow said.

"I think there are huge opportunities here," Chernow said. "If you look at Venezuela, this country has poured a huge amount of money into health, building homes, construction and infrastructure and education. That's the way you build a country up."

Businesses bringing materials from Milwaukee, or elsewhere, to Carora won't have to pay an importation tax if they conduct business in Venezuela, Chavez said. In order to better facilitate importation and exportation, the country has invested in upgrading a major railroad system.

Statistics provide further incentive to invest in the country. In 1988, inflation in Venezuela was 100 percent. Today, it is 0.6 percent.

Those statistics reflect the city's small business development.

Elected neighborhood assemblies receive resources directly from the central government to execute their own local projects. The ordinances being put forward in Carora grant privileges to small businesses and cooperatives.

"We can give them preferential access to land, logistical support and work to guarantee access to other markets in Venezuela through the central government's social programs," Chavez said.

Having a partnership with Carora will also directly connect those already partnered with Carora, including cities in Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, Chavez said.

Small businesses in Venezuela benefit from the community banks in place. The community banks receive money from the central government. In Carora, 10 banks have received \$6 billion bolivares, or \$300,000. Community banks are managed by elected bodies of community leaders. They in turn assign resources to projects they believe can benefit the community the most.

"These types of programs have the full support of the central government because it falls within the framework of the whole policy of indigenous development, to work from within," Chavez said.

Chavez encourages Milwaukee business owners to visit Carora to see the opportunities for themselves.

"Beyond what we sign on paper, the most important thing is what we're going to put into practice with the small businesses there."



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FOR INFORMATION CALL

June 13, 2006

Ald. Mike McGee, Jr.  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Venezuela's U.S. Ambassador To Meet City Officials, Will Discuss Possible Business & Cultural Ties Thursday**

*Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. Pleased Ambassador Accepted His Invitation; Possible New Sister City Relationship in the Mix*

**Mr. Bernardo Alvarez Herrera, Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, will be welcomed to Milwaukee during a special information sharing session and reception on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in room 301-B of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. The information sharing session will begin at 1:30 p.m., and a brief reception afterward will be hosted by Ald. Mike McGee, Jr.

Some of the discussion Thursday will touch on a possible Sister City relationship between Milwaukee and Carora, Venezuela. In fact, the Mayor of Carora, Julio Chavez, and Luis Reyes Reyes, governor of the Venezuelan state of Lara, are expected to join Ambassador Alvarez during his visit. Mayor Tom Barrett, several members of the Common Council and other Milwaukee business and community leaders are expected to attend the events, Ald. McGee said.

Currently, Ambassador Alvarez is implementing Venezuela's initiative to provide heating oil assistance to needy families in the United States. Prior to his 2003 appointment as the Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Alvarez-Herrera served as a vice minister and director-general in the Ministry of Energy and Mines, a member of the Venezuelan Congress from Miranda State, the executive secretary and representative of Venezuela to the Forum on Debt and Development, the chief of the Research and Development Division for the Venezuelan Institute of Foreign Trade, and as a professor at the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Currently he serves as the Venezuelan representative to the Energy Council of the United States of America

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FOR INFORMATION CALL

July 19, 2006

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Mayor of Carora, Venezuela To Discuss Possible Sister City Agreement, Meet With City Officials During Visit**

**Julio Chavez**, the mayor of Carora, Venezuela, will visit Milwaukee Thursday and Friday (July 20-21, 2006) to discuss a proposed Sister City agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Carora, as well as his city's unique brand of participatory democracy and possible heating oil assistance and free eye surgery from Venezuela.

**Ald. Mike McGee, Jr.**, who was the first Milwaukee official to proactively initiate cordial communications with Venezuelan government officials, will welcome Mayor Chavez to City Hall when the Sister Cities Committee discusses the proposed Sister City agreement with Carora at 9 a.m. Friday in room 301-B at City Hall.

Carora is currently exploring ways it can expand the limits of representative and participatory democracy – a rarity in Latin America, Ald. McGee said. For example, Carora's residents take part directly in drafting the city's municipal budget, in creating and modifying local laws, setting the salaries of public officials, and in making sure expenditures by government agencies are appropriate. Venezuela is also offering an initiative to provide heating oil assistance to needy families in the United States and to perform eye surgeries for needy seniors.

In recent months Ald. McGee has welcomed Bernardo Alvarez Herrera, Venezuelan ambassador to the United States, and Venezuelan Supreme Court Justice Fernando Vegas to City Hall during their visits to Milwaukee.

**WHAT:** Sister Cities Committee  
**WHEN:** Friday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** City Hall, Room 301-B (200 E. Wells St.)

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