



Sister Cities Committee

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His Excellency Okoth Obado
Governor Migori County
Migori County
P.O. Box 195 – 40400
Suna-Migori, Kenya

His Excellency Okoth Obado:

Thank you for your interest to explore a possible sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee and for sharing information on Migori County in Kenya as provided in your letter that was sent to the City of Milwaukee Mayor's Office dated March 17, 2014. In response to your letter, an international partnership between the City of Milwaukee and a city in Migori County to promote cultural, educational and economic exchanges can be achieved through the Milwaukee Sister Cities program.

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

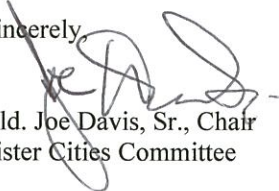
Please note that a sister city relationship application progress requires a local nonprofit organization in Milwaukee, that wishes to sponsor such a sister city relationship, to submit a letter of intent to the Sister Cities Committee. The Committee shall invite the local organization to make a presentation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

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

We look forward to further exploring a possible sister city relationship with you. The City of Milwaukee is a member of Sister Cities International and adheres to its policies and procedures in reviewing possible relationships. We believe a limited number of such relationships are beneficial to cultural, economic and educational growth and development for all involved.

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

Sincerely,



Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Chair
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Enclosure