

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2011 Annual Report

The attached report is submitted pursuant to s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose: (Per s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances)

The Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships in accordance with Sister Cities International regulations.

Members (for 2011)

CHAIR

Ald. Joe Davis., Sr.

MEMBERS

Leslie Silletti

(representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

Alexander Durtka, Jr.

(representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

Charles Vang

(public member, appointed by Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.)

Eric Gass

(representative of the Health Commissioner)

Staff

Ms. Joanna Polanco, Staff Assistant

Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Amy Hefter, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Committee meetings held in 2011:

March 24, 2011

December 14, 2011

Accomplishments and Activities in 2011

On March 24, 2011, a Sister Cities Committee meeting was held. The committee requested a summary of current sister cities relationships and their compliance at a future meeting. Robert Miranda, on behalf of Esperanza Unida, attended the meeting and indicated the desire for a sister city relationship between Istanbul, Turkey and Chicago, Illinois instead of Milwaukee. The committee moved approval for the termination of the sister city relationship with Manisa, Turkey. The chair briefed the members on the Sister Cities International Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation program grant approved for uMhlathuze, South African with special criteria. Steven Mahan, Director of the Community Grant Block Administration who coordinates this activity, said the grant was \$115,000 through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Ms. Hefter produced the first three quarterly reports of the progress of this program and a subsequent fourth quarterly report, which is included in this report as **Exhibit A**. Minutes of this meeting is included in this report as **Exhibit B**.

On August 23, 2011, Amy Hefter from the Legislative Reference Bureau provided a Revised Status of Sister City Relationships, included in this report as **Exhibit C**.

On December 14, 2011, a Sister Cities Committee meeting was held. George Chen, a private citizen, appeared to speak about his interest to establish a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Shiyang, China. Dr. Pradeep Rohatgi, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, appeared to speak about a renewed interest to establish a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Kanpur, India.

The Committee took the following actions at the meeting:

- Extended an application opportunity for University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee via Dr. Pradeep Rohatgi for a sister city relationship with Kanpur, India.
- Held to the call of the chair the discussion on the establishment of a sister city relationship with the City of Shiyang, China.
- Approved the renewal application for a sister city relationship created by staff, included in this report, **Exhibit D**.
- Accepted the revised report on the Status of Sister City Relationships.
- Approved the 2010 annual report and activities, as amended.

- Approved a resolution to terminate the sister city relationship with Manisa, Turkey.

The minutes of this meeting in included in this report as **Exhibit E**.

On December 14, 2011, letters were sent to all the established Sister City sponsoring institutions requesting them to submit their 2010 and 2011 annual reports to the Sister City Committee. The letters are attached to this report, **Exhibit F**. No annual reports for 2010 and 2011 were received by the City Clerk's office prior to this date.

On December 16, 2011, a formal application with a cover letter was sent to Dr. Pradeep K. Rohatgi regarding establishment of a sister city relationship between University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and Kanpur, India. The cover letter is included in this report as **Exhibit G**.

On December 19, 2011, a cover letter and renewal application was sent to The Hope in Tanzania Foundation, to file a renewal application for the sister city relationship with Morogoro, Tanzania. The renewal application deadline is February 3, 2012, and the sister city relationship expires August 3, 2012. The cover letter is included in this report as **Exhibit H**.



Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program Report IV

Pursuant to the Sub-grant Agreement Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program between Sister Cities International and the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee, the following is the fourth quarterly interim report of grant activity for the period ending March 15, 2011:

1. February 7 – 14, 2011. The orientation visit relating to this grant took place in Casablanca, Morocco. Ald. Joe Davis (Milwaukee Common Council) attended.

Sister Cities International approved the water reticulation project at a traditional area of uMhlathuze. This project will supply water to 200 homes in the traditional area that had no water connection in the past.

2. Thursday, March 24, 2011. The City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee met. The discussion included Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program grant activities. Please see attached agenda and draft meeting minutes.

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Meeting Minutes
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

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Legislative Liaison: Amy Hefter, 286-2290,
ahefte@milwaukee.gov

Thursday, March 24, 2011

10:00 AM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened at 10:05 A.M.

Members present:
Durka, Silletti, Gass, Vang and Davis

1. Report on Sister Cities Program.

Individual present:
Ron Leonhardt - City Clerk

Mr. Leonhardt said that the City updated its ordinances and procedures to be more in sync with the Sister Cities International organization and since that time several relationships with cities have been terminated.

Chair said that Germany has expressed an interest in the city of Milwaukee, but it seems that there has been no effort in moving the initiative forward. He said that Germany may be a good fit for the Sister Cities program, they are interested in supporting an economic development initiative under the sister cities program. Also, Sister Cities International's new president, Jim Dumas, is working directly with us as it deals with a memorandum of understanding with South Africa local governments.

Ms. Silletti requested a summary of current sister cities relationship and their compliance, to be presented in future meetings.

2. Discussion of the request from Esperanza Unida to establishing a sister city relationship with Istanbul, Turkey.

Individual present:
Robert Miranda, Executive Director of Esperanza Unida

Mr. Miranda has been working for a few years with Istanbul, Turkey, regarding a sister city relationship with Manisa as well as with the Turkish community here in Milwaukee, Colorado and Chicago.

At this time the mayor of Istanbul is perusing a relationship with Chicago and they feel this is too close of a venue between Milwaukee and Chicago. The city of Istanbul is in support if the sister cities relationship is pursued with another city.

The Chair said that there was a formal request from Esperanza Unida to establish this relationship and to make sure that committee members were briefed on the

status of that letter.

Mr. Miranda talked about a letter directed to the consul general which was accepted however, the people in Istanbul felt that the relationship with Chicago will be more beneficial in that they saw an opportunity to bring a more cultural, educational, political and economic venue given the size of the two cities.

3. Discussion relating to the status of the current sister cities relationship with Manisa, Turkey.

Individual present:

Robert Miranda, Executive Director Esperanza Unida

Mr. Miranda has developed relationship with different venues in Turkey and at this time he is waiting on responses from Bolu Turkey where he sees a potential sister cities relationship. Mr. Miranda would like to pursue a new application to reflect Bolu.

Chair stated that the proper procedure will be to terminate the current relationship and accept a new application for Bolu. He said the new application needs to include a non profit organization to grow.

Motion by Mr. Durtka to move forward on the termination on the sister cities relationship with Manisa, Turkey. There were no objections.

4. Discussion on Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program grant.

Individual present:

Amy Hefter - Legislative Research Analyst

Chair briefed the members on the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation program grant that is held through Sister Cities International that was approved for African cities with special criteria. Steven Mahan, Director of the Community Grant Block Administration who coordinates this activity, said the grant was \$115,000 through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Ms. Hefter produced the first three quarterly report of the progress of this program.

Eric Gass said that the Medical College of WI, in its International Health program, has three relationships with South Africa. Mr. Gass suggested there may be an opportunity to explore what the medical college is doing in South Africa and unite forces with the sister cities program..

5. New business for future discussions.

- Status on different Sister Cities relationship and their progress*
- Notification when international visitors visit our city and their efforts*

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant



MEMORANDUM

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To: Honorable Members, Sister Cities Committee
From: Amy E. Hefter – Legislative Fiscal Analyst, ext. 2290
Date: August 23, 2011
Subject: Revised - Status of Sister City Relationships

At the most recent meeting of the Sister Cities Committee, March 24, 2011, the Legislative Reference Bureau was assigned the task of reporting on the activities of the City's sister cities.

Chapter 335 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (MCO) sets forth provisions governing City of Milwaukee sister city relationships. This chapter became effective November 10, 2006. One current sister city relationship, the City's relationship with Galway (Ireland), predates the adoption of ch. 335. This relationship was renewed under the policies set forth in ch. 335 on March 18, 2008.

The City of Milwaukee has sister city relationships with the following 5 cities: Carora (Venezuela), Galway (Ireland), Manisa (Turkey), Morogoro (Tanzania), and uMhlathuze (South Africa). Per s. 335-3-10, MCO, the total number of sister city relationships should not exceed 10. Please see the table on page 2, titled "Sister City Relationships" for more detailed information on each current sister city relationship.

Section 335-3-6, MCO, establishes that sister city relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. The City's relationship with Morogoro will expire August 3, 2012. Two of the sister city relationships will expire in 2013, and one will expire in 2014. Section 335-7, MCO, sets forth a renewal policy. A sister city relationship may be renewed by the sponsoring entity. The ordinance specifies that the renewal application must be filed at least 6 months prior to the expiration of the agreement. The sponsoring entity shall submit a renewal application to the city clerk on a form prepared by the Sister Cities Committee. Therefore a renewal application for Morogoro must be submitted by the sponsoring entity, Hope in Tanzania Foundation, by February 3, 2012, 6 months prior to the expiration of the relationship. Please note that the Sister Cities Committee will need to prepare a form to use for renewals prior to that time.

According to s. 335-3-7, MCO, the sponsoring entities are required to submit annual reports to the committee. At the request of the committee, all sponsoring organizations were contacted numerous times via electronic and U. S. Postal Service mail by Staff Assistant Joanna Polanco, who was formerly assigned to the Sister Cities Committee. To date, only Peace Action WI, sponsoring entity for the sister city relationship with Carora has provided a report of its activities. A copy the Carora-Milwaukee sister city report is attached to this memo. No other sponsoring entity has provided a report of activities.

Under s. 335-9, MCO, the common council may terminate a sister city relationship whenever it finds the applicant has failed to make sufficient progress toward attaining the goals of the sister city relationship. A relationship may also be terminated if an applicant has failed to

comply with the standards established by Sister Cities International, the common council or the Sister Cities committee. The following 7 sister city relationships have been terminated under ch. 335: Mulhouse (France), Nuevitas (Cuba), Omsk (Siberia), Parma (Italy), Queenstown (South Africa), Schwerin (Germany), and Ticuantepe (Nicaragua).

Please note at the last meeting of the Sister Cities Committee, Esperanza Unida, Inc., as the sponsoring entity for the relationship with Manisa, has requested that the City of Milwaukee terminate this sister city relationship. A resolution has been drafted terminating this relationship but as of this date has not been introduced.

| Sister City Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Sister City | File Number Establishing Relationship | File Number Renewing Relationship | Council Final Action | Agreement Signed | Relationship Expiration | Local Sponsoring Organization |
| Carora, Venezuela | 080769 | | 10/7/2008 | 3/24/2009 | 3/24/2014 | The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin |
| Galway, Ireland* | 010680 | | 12/21/2001 | | | |
| | | 071505 | 3/18/2008 | 8/15/2008 | 8/15/2013 | Irish Festivals, Inc. |
| Manisa, Turkey** | 071506 | | 4/9/2008 | Unsigned due to a change in political leadership in Turkey. | | Esperanza Unida, Inc. |
| Morogoro, Tanzania | 070043 | | 5/8/2007 | 8/3/2007 | 8/3/2012 | Hope in Tanzania Foundation |
| uMhlathuze, South Africa*** | 071584 | | 4/9/2008 | 5/1/2008 | 5/1/2013 | African American Chamber of Commerce |
| <p>*This relationship was established prior to the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2011 and became effective November 10, 2006. **Esperanza Unida, Inc. requested that this relationship be terminated at the last meeting of the Sister Cities Committee, March 24, 2011. ***Original sponsoring entity was Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce.</p> | | | | | | |

I hope this information proves helpful. Please contact me with any questions.



Application To Renew A Sister City Relationship*

City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, WI 53202 PH: (414) 286-2221

WEB: www.milwaukee.gov/sistercities



APPLICATION ORGANIZATION

Name

Mailing Address

Website

PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION

Name

Phone

Mailing Address

Email

SISTER CITY

Name

Country

Population

Please attach the following information:

Information about the sister city:

- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Updated information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship

Information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- Number of members and their professional and business background
- Goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
- Current activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
- Methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
- Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program

****Note: Application for renewal of a sister city relationship must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee not less than 6 months before the expiration of the existing relationship.***



City of Milwaukee

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53202

Meeting Minutes SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, December 14, 2011

1:30 PM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:36 p.m.

1. **Roll call.**

Present 5 - Davis, Silletti, Durtko, Vang, Gass

Individuals also present:

Jim Owczarski, Deputy City Clerk

Amy Hefter, Legislative Reference Bureau

George Chen

Dr. Pradeep Rohatgi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2. **Approval of the previous minutes of September 29, 2010 and March 24, 2011.**

Mr. Vang moved approval of the previous meeting minutes of September 29, 2010 and March 24, 2011. There were no objections.

3. **Presentation on the City of Kanpur, India relative to establishing a friendly exchange leading to a sister city relationship with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, given by Dr. Pradeep K. Rohatgi.**

Dr. Rohatgi gave background information on the interest to have a sister city relationship with Kanpur, India. In 2009 during a visit to Kanpur, the mayor, district magistrate, and director of the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur expressed a desire to form a sister city relationship with Milwaukee. In December 2009, the committee approved submitting an application. The application was forwarded to Michael Lovell at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee at the time, but the application got lost and was not returned to Dr. Rohatgi. With Michael Lovell now serving as the new chancellor to the university, the application can be completed successfully. Chancellor Lovell is committed to forming the sister city relationship and signing an agreement.

Dr. Rohatgi added that a sister city relationship would benefit both cities economically and culturally. There is a need to send students from Kanpur to study in Milwaukee and form startup companies. Businesses from Milwaukee can visit Kanpur to find markets for their products. Kanpur is a great market for water related equipment.

Also, cultural exchanges in dancing and music are desired.

Dr. Rohatgi said that four students have come to Milwaukee to attend the university and that six university faculty members graduated from the Indian Institute of Technology from Kanpur. He added that he has met Mayor Tom Barrett, who is in support of a sister city relationship.

Ald. Davis said that the committee can take action to formally extend an application opportunity for UWM to submit an application as the local sponsor.

Mr. Durtka said that the relationship would be a great opportunity and would benefit all parties involved. He added that the relationship has the support from the university and the Indian community.

Mr. Gass said that he is a faculty member from the School of Public Health at the university. He added that the school looks for and welcomes international students for their PHD programs and other areas.

Mr. Durtka moved to extend an application opportunity for the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, at Dr. Rohatgi's direction, to submit a formal application for a sister city relationship with Kanpur, India to the committee. There were no objections.

4. Discussion with George Chen on the City of Shiyan, China relative to establishing a friendly exchange leading to a sister city relationship.

Mr. Vang gave a few opening comments. He said that he met and discussed with Mr. Chen about the sister city relationship process and the requirement for Mr. Chen to find a local sponsor.

Mr. Chen said that the City of Shiyan in China contacted him to be a liaison and find a similar city for sister relationship in the United States. He added that Milwaukee would be a great city to establish a sister city relationship with Shiyan.

Mr. Chen proceeded to give information on the City of Shiyan. The city has a population of 3.5 million people and contains five counties. Transportation is convenient in the city with 28 trains in and out of the city, one express way, and four smaller highways under construction. The city was built on Wudang Mountain, a renowned mountain known for its appealing landscape and ancient buildings. The city was founded in 1965 with about 600 people. Three main characteristics of the city are Wudang Mountain, a reservoir, and commercial automobile production. Other features of the city include martial arts, a national park, untouched wilderness, rice wine, dinosaur fossils, and four colleges.

Ald. Davis said for Mr. Chen to consider contacting Dr. Hermann Viets at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Ald. Davis added that Dr. Viets may have an interest to have a sister relationship with Shiyan from an engineering perspective.

Mr. Chen further shared cultural and economic information on Shiyan. Shiyan hosts an international wushu championship event, which is a martial arts celebration and competition. The city has the largest commercial vehicle base industry in China. Also, the city is engaged in rice wine production and organic farming.

Mr. Durtka said that a local sponsor is required for a sister city relationship. Mr. Chen replied that he has contacted the Organization of Chinese Americans and Linda Wong

from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Ald. Davis encouraged Mr. Chen to move forward to seek a local sponsor. He added that once a local sponsor is found, the committee can invite Mr. Chen and representatives of the local sponsor back to committee.

Ms. Silletti said that there is an existing robust, friendly relationship with another Chinese city named Ningbo.

Mr. Vang asked if there was a limit on the number of sister city relationships a city can have within a country. Ald. Davis replied that in a situation where there is an existing relationship with a city, a relationship with a new city in the same country would need permission from the city with the existing relationship.

Mr. Durtka asked if Shiyen has formed sister city relationships with other cities. Mr. Chen replied that Shiyen has two sister relationships with Russia and Romania.

Mr. Vang moved to hold to the call of the Chair the discussion on the City of Shiyen, China relative to establishing a friendly exchange leading to a sister city relationship. There were no objections.

5. Review and approval of an application to renew a sister city relationship.

A copy of an application to renew a sister city relationship, prepared by Mr. Lee, was provided to the committee.

Ms. Silletti suggested that a statement be added to the renewal application to state that submittance of an application may not necessarily result in acceptance to renew the sister city relationship.

Ald. Davis said that there will be a cover letter sent along with a renewal application that would address Ms. Silletti's concern.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the application to renew a sister city relationship. There were no objections.

6. Report on the status of Sister City relationships.

Ms. Hefter gave a summary on the Report on the Status of Sister City Relationships. The report was compiled in response to a request from the previous meeting. There are five sister city relationships with one expiring on August 3, 2012, two expiring in 2013, and one expiring in 2014. It was moved in the last meeting to terminate the sister city relationship with Manisa, Turkey due to a change in political environment in Manisa. All local sponsors were contacted to submit their annual reports, and only the sponsor for Carora, Venezuela responded.

Ms. Silletti inquired as to the number of relationships out of compliance with the code. Ms. Hefter responded that local sponsors are annually required to submit reports and that only Carora, Venezuela is in compliance for responding. Ms. Hefter added that the committee has the purview to terminate a relationship for lack of compliance.

Mr. Durtka asked if there is an established due date for reports on an annual basis. Ms. Hefter said that the code is silent on such a date.

Ald. Davis said that a motion to establish a due date for an annual report for the calendar year of a sister city relationship could be an item for a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting.

Mr. Owczarski appeared at the table. He said that introduction of legislation to address this issue is appropriate and can be introduced at the December 20, 2011 Common Council meeting.

Ald. Davis said to consider that an annual report be submitted thirty days prior to the annual year subsequent to the date of the official signing of the agreement of a particular sister city relationship.

Ms. Silletti said that it was unsettling to see many relationships out of compliance. She added that some options or a recourse for compliance and legitimacy on the program be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Durtka moved acceptance of the Report on the Status of Sister City Relationships. There were no objections.

7. Approval of the 2010 Annual Report and Activities.

Mr. Owczarski, on behalf of Ms. Hefter, provided to committee members an amended page 2, regarding accomplishments in 2010 of the committee, of the report.

Mr. Gass moved acceptance of the amendment.

Mr. Gass moved approval of the 2010 annual report and activities as amended. There were no objections.

8. Review and approval of resolution to terminate the Sister City relationship with Manisa, Turkey.

Ms. Hefter presented a draft of a resolution to terminate the Sister City relationship with Manisa, Turkey to the members.

Ald. Davis said that there were some problems with the ongoing nonprofit organizations and the relationship with Manisa, Turkey. He added that once approved, the resolution will be referred to the Community and Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the resolution to terminate the Sister City relationship with Manisa, Turkey. There were no objections.

9. New business for future discussions.

Mr. Durtka said that there is interest from the mayor of Yoruba in southern Sudan in Africa to establish a sister city relationship with Milwaukee. He added that a discussion on Yoruba will be brought forward at a later time.

10. Set next meeting date and time.

No date and time was set for the next meeting.

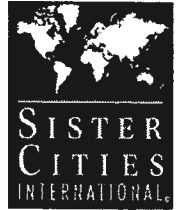
Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant



Sister Cities Committee

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December 14, 2011

Mark Foreman, President
Erik Sperling, Board Member
Peace Action WI
1001 E. Keefe Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53212

RE: Carora, Venezuela Sister City 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Foreman and Mr. Sperling:

According to Section 335-3-7 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the sister city relationship sponsoring entity shall submit annual reports to the City of Milwaukee, Sister City committee.


As of this date, we have not received your completed 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Annual Report. Please submit your completed 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports to Chris Lee, 200 E. Wells St., Room 205, Milwaukee, WI 53202, within 30 days of date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Staff Assistant to the committee, Chris Lee at 414-286-2232 or clee@milwaukee.gov.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days of this letter, we will assume you are not interested in continuing a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee. The committee will move to terminate the relationship at its next scheduled meeting.

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Thank you for your prompt response in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Chair
Sister Cities Committee

cc: Mike Helbick, Milwaukee-Carora Sister Cities Committee

Lee, Chris

From: Lee, Chris
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 8:37 AM
To: 'mikehelbick@gmail.com'
Subject: Sister Cities - Carora, Venezuela 2010 and 2011 annual reports request
Attachments: Letter annual report - Carora, Venezuela.PDF

Hi Mike,

Please find attached a letter sent requesting annual reports from 2010 and 2011 regarding the Sister City relationship with Carora, Venezuela.

Sincerely,

Chris Lee
Staff Assistant
City Clerk's Office
City of Milwaukee
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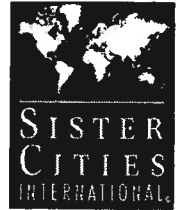
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Randy Crump, Chairman
Curtiss Harris, Executive Director
African American Chamber of Commerce
of Greater Milwaukee
6203 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

RE: uMhlathuze, South Africa Sister City 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Crump and Mr. Harris:

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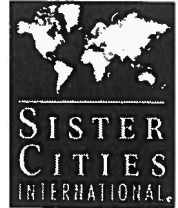

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December 14, 2011

Ryan Skaife, Director
The Hope in Tanzania Foundation
2547 S. Shore Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

RE: Morogoro, Tanzania Sister City 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports

Dear Mr. Skaife:

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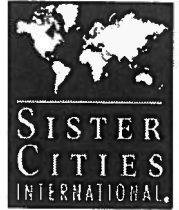
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December 14, 2011

Jane Anderson
Milwaukee Irish Festivals, Inc.
1532 Wauwatosa Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53213

RE: Galway, Ireland Sister City 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports

Dear Ms. Anderson:

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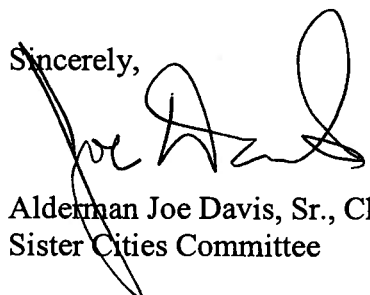
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If we do not hear from you within 30 days of this letter, we will assume you are not interested in continuing a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee. The committee will move to terminate the relationship at its next scheduled meeting.

Please note that a benefit of being a part of the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities program is that the Sister Cities International annual membership fee is paid by the City of Milwaukee.

Thank you for your prompt response in this matter.

Sincerely,



Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Chair
Sister Cities Committee



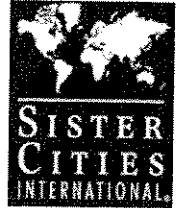
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December 16, 2011

Dr. Pradeep K. Rohatgi
Department of Materials Engineering
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
P.O. Box 784
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Dr. Rohatgi:

Congratulations! The Sister Cities Committee has reviewed your proposal for establishing a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee and now requests that you submit a formal application, a copy of which is enclosed.

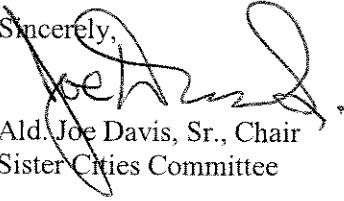
Please note that in addition to some basic information, the application requests detailed attachments regarding the proposed sister city, your organization and the organization in the sister city that will support this relationship. A thorough response to all questions will be most appreciated and will strengthen your application.

The Sister Cities Committee will schedule a formal hearing on your application and you will be notified to attend. If the Committee recommends approval of the application, it will be forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee and then to the full Council.

We look forward to further exploring this 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, Chris Lee, at 414-286-2232, or clee@milwaukee.gov. Your application should be submitted to Mr. Lee at the address on this letterhead.

Sincerely,


Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Chair
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Enclosure

Application For A Sister City Relationship*

City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PH: (414) 286-2221

WEB: www.milwaukee.gov/sistercities



APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Name

Mailing Address

Website

PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION

Name

Phone

Mailing Address

Email

PROPOSED SISTER CITY

Name

Country

Population

EXISTING OR PRIOR U.S. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

Existing

Prior

Please attach the following information:

Information about the proposed sister city:

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

Information about the applicant organization:

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

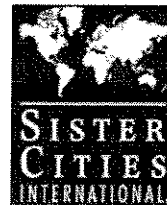
**Note: Prior to filing an application, a letter of intent to establish a sister city relationship should be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee.*



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December 19, 2011

Ryan Skaife, Director
The Hope in Tanzania Foundation
2547 S. Shore Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Mr. Skaife:

This is notification that the sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee and Morogoro, Tanzania will expire on August 3, 2012. Per section 335-7 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, no later than 6 months prior to the expiration of a sister city relationship, the sponsoring entity may submit a renewal application to the city clerk on a form prepared by the committee. The Sister Cities Committee requests that you submit a formal renewal application, a copy of which is enclosed, by February 3, 2012.

Please note that in addition to some basic information, the renewal application requests detailed attachments regarding the sister city, your organization, and the organization in the sister city that will support this relationship. A thorough response to all questions will be most appreciated and will strengthen your renewal application.

The Sister Cities Committee will schedule a formal hearing on your renewal application, and you will be notified to attend. If the Committee recommends approval of the renewal application, it will be forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee and then to the full Council.

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Sincerely,


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