

## Sister Cities Committee

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July 20, 2015

Mosorec International Foundation Attn: Christine Thompson Mosore, President & CEO P.O. Box 11182 Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Mosorec International Foundation and Ms. Thompson Mosore:

Thank you for your interest to explore a possible sister city relationship between the City of Tarime, Tanzania and the City of Milwaukee as provided in your letter that was sent to the City of Milwaukee City Clerk's Office dated July 10, 2015. In response to your letter, an international partnership between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Tarime 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 City of Tarime. In addition, more information can be found at our City's Sister Cities website at <a href="http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities">http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities</a>.

Please note that a sister city relationship application progress requires a local nonprofit organization 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 as a resolution to our Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee and then to our full Council. Following Council approval and mayoral signature of a resolution, a signing ceremony will have to be scheduled in Milwaukee for both mayors of both cities to come and sign a sister city relationship agreement. A sister city relationship becomes official once an agreement is signed by both mayors.

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.

Having received your letter of intent, please contact my office at 414-286-3787, or <u>jldavis@milwaukee.gov</u>, and the Staff Assistant to the Committee, Mr. Chris Lee, at 414-286-2232, or <u>clee@milwaukee.gov</u>, to discuss arranging a Sister Cities Committee meeting for your organization to come present to the Committee the proposed sister city relationship.

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

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