Sister City Relationship Annual Report*

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Please attach the following information

Updated 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 including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information

Updated information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- Number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information
- Progress of the goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
- Progress of activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
- Progress of the 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: An annual report must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee within 30 days following the anniversary of the date on which the mayor signed the resolution establishing the relationship.

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Attention: Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant, Milwaukee Sister City Committee

On behalf of the Federation of Croatian Societies of Milwaukee County, I am pleased to forward you both the application form and our written comments concerning the status of our Sister City relationship with Zadar, Croatia. Our goal for 2017 was to continue our efforts to build a platform, a foundation, for the growth and enhancement of a long-standing relationship between our two Cities and communities. We continue to focus on water and educational opportunities, as well as cultural.

Major activities and focus during 2017 include:

- During 2017, the Federation and Zadar exchanged ideas regarding the June 2018
 Federation visit to Zadar, including formal events with the Mayor, City Council,
 University and water-related industries. Four members of the Federation Board will visit and tour Zadar, with the purpose if further cementing the relationship and looking for opportunities to begin both educational and business exchange opportunities.
- Our focus on communication with Zadar has been on water-related opportunities, both from an educational/research point of view, as well as business.
- Following the Federation visit to Zadar, plans are being made for a delegation from Zadar to come to Milwaukee in mid-July, 2018. The Federation has had conversation with both UWM and the Water Council as regards participation and interest.
- The June visit to Zadar will also include participation by the Milwaukee Croatian
 Tamburitzans, a Milwaukee youth organization dedicated to promoting and preserving
 Croatian music, song and dance. This group will perform a set of Zadar-area songs and
 dances as part of their show and tour of Croatia.
- The Croatian Consul General in Chicago has visited Milwaukee on several occasions in 2017, with the Federation meeting with her to discuss the Sister City relationship. This relationship remains an important priority for the Consul General.
- The Federation remains committed to advancing the Sister City relationship and will actively support and assist Zadar as we move ahead.

It remains our hope that this year's delegation visits by communities from both cities will spur the relationship forward. The Federation remains committed to playing a lead role in this relationship.

Respectfully submitted by:

Paul Lucas, Federation of Croatian Societies Board member