

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

14-0147R

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP
WITH RANIA, IRAQ.

BY COUNCILOR RUSS:

WHEREAS, the Duluth city council supports efforts to encourage peace and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, Duluth has developed and participated in a Sister Cities program now administered by Duluth Sister Cities International, Inc. and has established Sister Cities relationships with Petrozavodsk, Russia; Thunder Bay, Canada, Oharo-Isumi City, Japan; and Vaxjo, Sweden; and _____

WHEREAS, to further the goals of global friendship and understanding, the city council would like to express its support for a Sister Cities relationship with Rania, Iraq.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council hereby expresses its support for the development of a Sister Cities relationship with Rania, Iraq and authorizes the proper city officials to execute a Sister City Agreement, substantially the same as that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council hereby directs and authorizes Duluth Sister Cities International, Inc. to continue to facilitate, organize and maintain said Sister Cities relationship, in accordance with the terms of its services agreement (City Contract No. 22124.)

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Duluth, hereby extends an invitation of welcome to the citizens and city officials of Rania, Iraq in the development of a vital sister city relationship.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution supports the development of a sister cities relationship, through Duluth Sister Cities International, Inc., with Rania, Iraq.

*Sister City Agreement
Between Duluth, Minnesota and Rania, Iraq*

Whereas, the Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding; and

Whereas, this agreement is both non-sectarian and non-political allowing all those who wish to foster goodwill between the two cities to contribute to our goals in a grass roots people to people manner; and

Whereas, The Parties will foster understanding and friendship between the people of Duluth and Rania.

In order to foster the goals of friendship and goodwill, the Parties hereby agree :

1. to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational and cultural opportunities.
2. to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of education, arts, and culture, economic development, gender equality, world peace and understanding.
3. to implement fundraising activities designed to maintain financial support for long-term success.

The Parties further agree that the heart of this relationship is people to people exchanges and will not require nor prohibit participation by elected officials.

By this agreement executed below, Duluth, Minnesota and Rania, Iraq do hereby proclaim themselves Sister Cities, and declare their intent to abide by this agreement in compliance with Sister City International guidelines and policies.

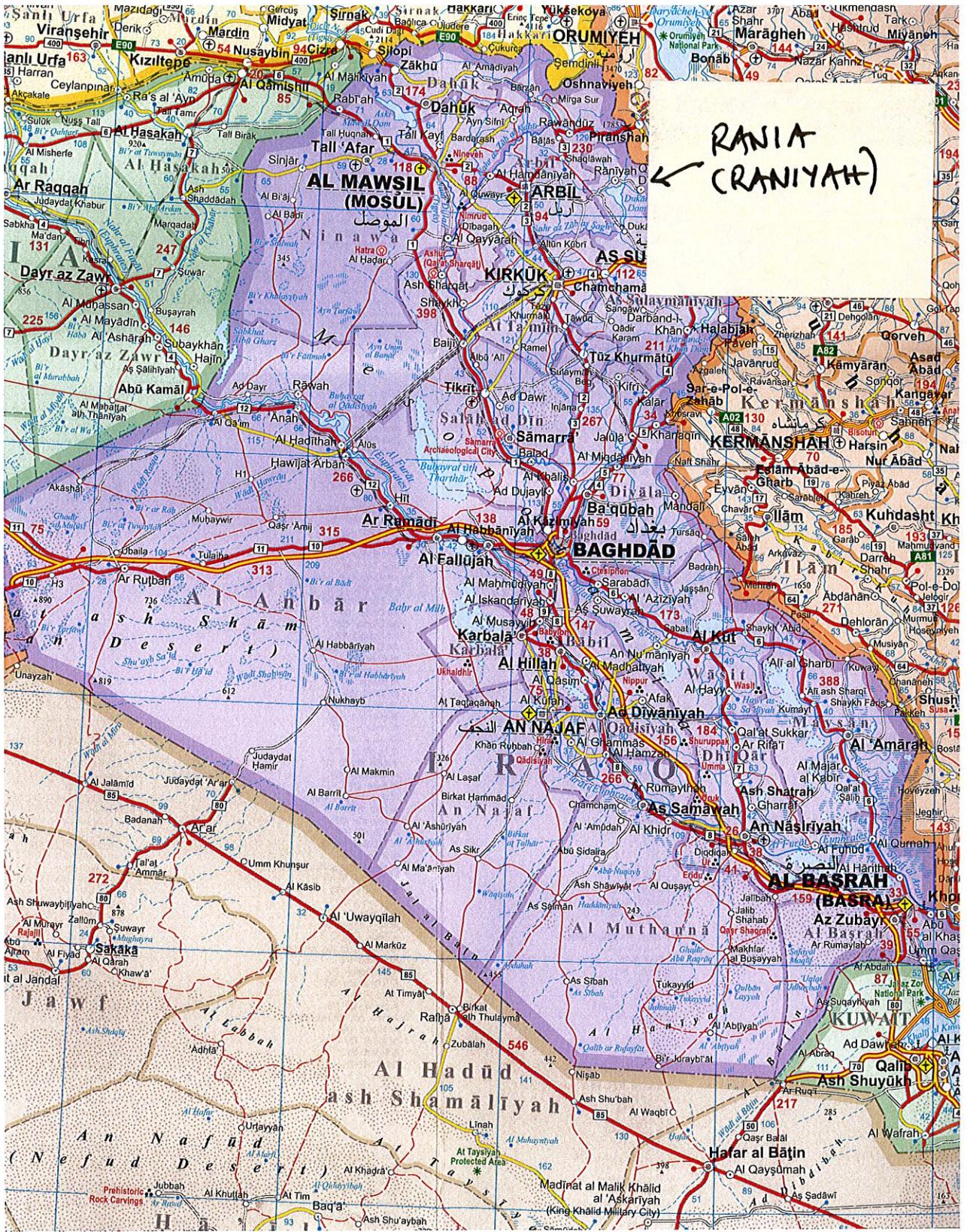
Duluth Mayor Don Ness

Rania Mayor Hiwa Qarani Abdulla

Date_____

Date_____

***This document goes into effect on the date of signature, and is
written in both English and in Kurdish.
Both texts have equal power.***



RANIA
(CRANIYAH)

AL MAWSIL
(MOSUL)

ARBIL

AS SU

KIRKUK

BAGHDAD

KERMANSHAH

Baqubah

AL HILLAH

AN NAJAF

AL BASRAH

Al Hadud
ash Shamaliyah

Hafar al Batin

An Nafud
(Nefud Desert)

Prehistoric
Rock Carvings