

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
December 21, 2021

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and publishing in The Crete News, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and City Council. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open Meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska in the back of the Council Chambers. Additional copies are available to read. The City may consider items listed on the agenda in random order. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Open Meeting
2. Roll Call

Kyle Frans: Present  
Ryan Hinz: Present  
Jack  
Oelschlager: Present  
Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

- 3.A. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving a revised election ward boundary map based on the 2020 census data.

Recommend to the City Council to approve the revised election ward boundary map based on the 2020 census data. Carried with a motion by Jack Oelschlager and a second by Kyle Frans.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

At the last committee meeting, they were leaning towards the first option that had distinctive boundaries but was a couple percent short of the majority/minority balance. At tonight's meeting, City Administrator Tom Ourada presented the final redistricting map and the committee still agreed that it was the best option.

- 3.B. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on authorizing the Library Director to apply for a \$1,000 grant for ecological education programs.

Recommend to the City Council to authorize the Library Director to apply for a \$1,000 grant for ecological education programs. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Jack Oelschlager.

Kyle Frans: Aye, Ryan Hinz: Aye, Jack Oelschlager: Aye  
Aye: 3, No: 0

City Administrator Tom Ourada reported that Library Director Joy Stevenson took this to the Library Advisory Board, who had no issue with it.

- 3.C. Discuss pursuing sister city opportunities.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that he brought this opportunity to the committee with the idea that it could make Crete distinctive from other communities. After Al Vicante's presentation at the last

meeting, the committee still had questions. Speaking to the mayor of another community who has a sister city was suggested, as well as talking with dedicated community member Janet Jeffries about her thoughts on sister cities. Research will continue and a decision will be made at a later meeting.

- 4. Officers' Reports
- 5. Adjournment

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, City Clerk for the City of Crete, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Council Chambers. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the City Council. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the City Council were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

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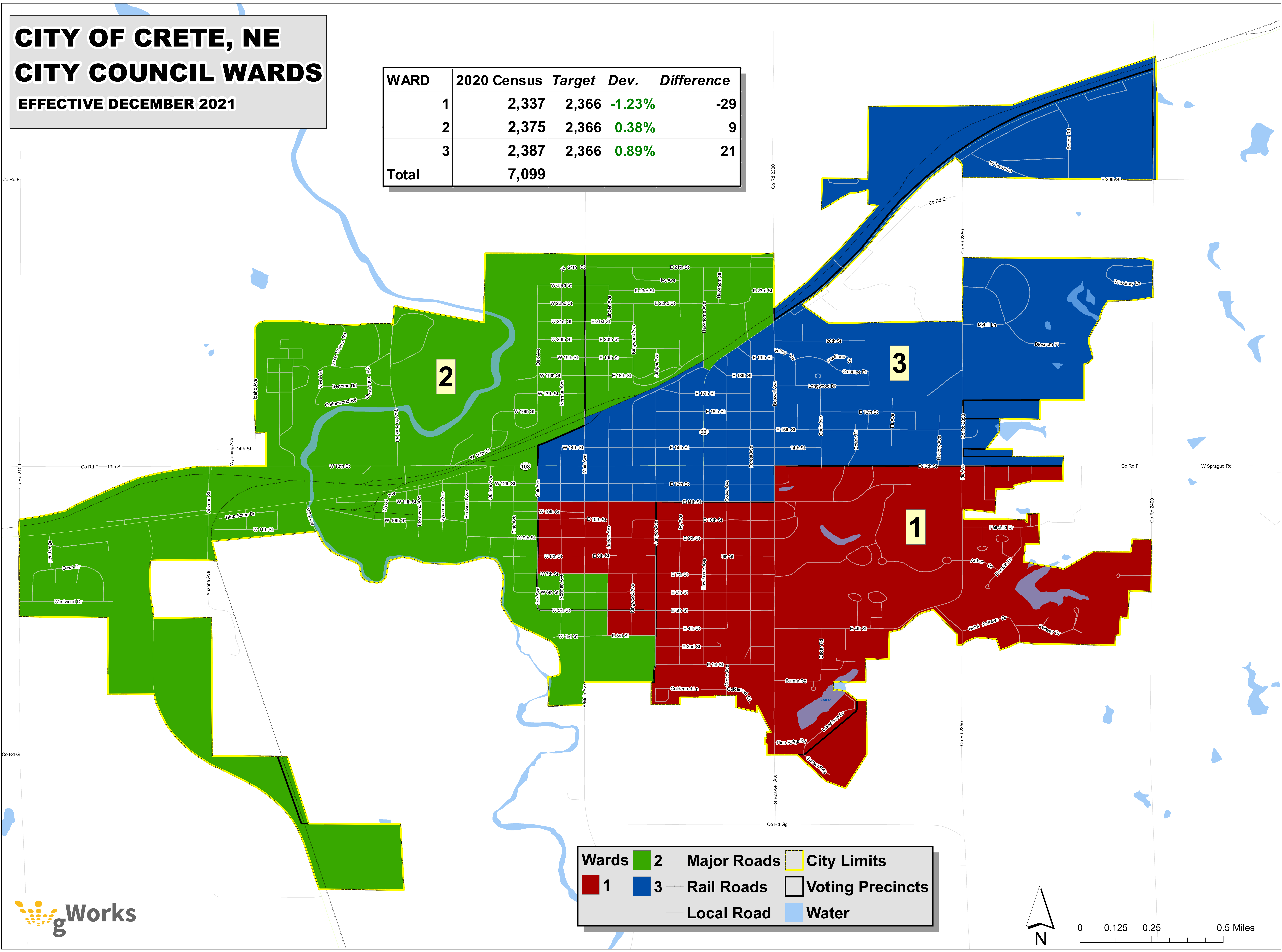
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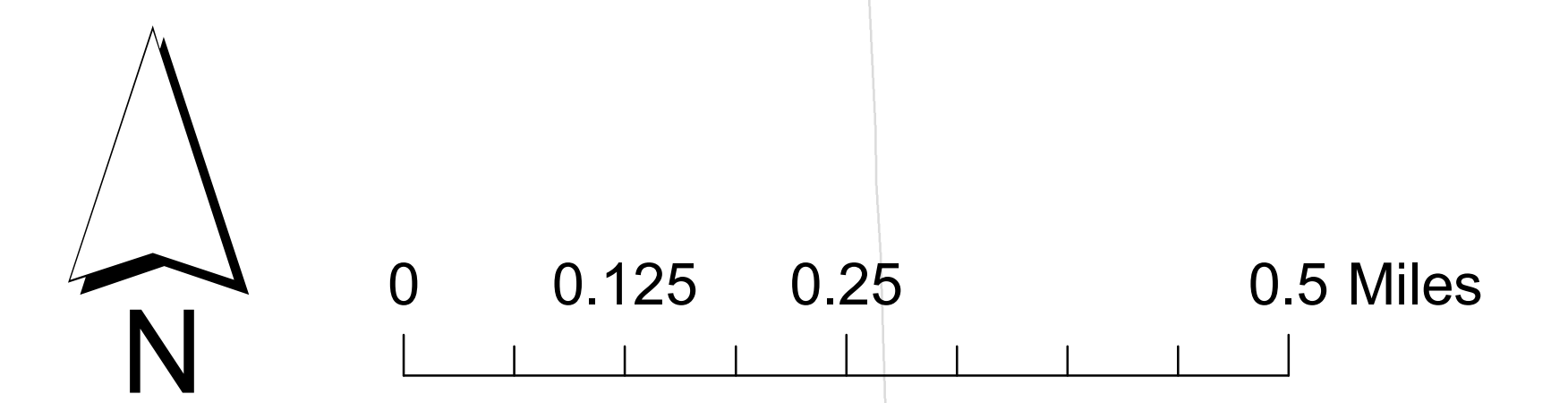
# CITY OF CRETE, NE CITY COUNCIL WARDS

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2021

| WARD         | 2020 Census  | Target | Dev.   | Difference |
|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 1            | 2,337        | 2,366  | -1.23% | -29        |
| 2            | 2,375        | 2,366  | 0.38%  | 9          |
| 3            | 2,387        | 2,366  | 0.89%  | 21         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7,099</b> |        |        |            |



**Wards** ■ 2 ■ 1 ■ 3  
**Major Roads**  **City Limits**   
**Rail Roads**  **Voting Precincts**   
**Local Road**  **Water**



| <b>WARD</b>  | <b>2020 Census</b> | <b>Target</b> | <b>Dev.</b> | <b>Difference</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1            | 2,337              | 2,366         | -1.23%      | -29               |
| 2            | 2,375              | 2,366         | 0.38%       | 9                 |
| 3            | 2,387              | 2,366         | 0.89%       | 21                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7,099</b>       |               |             |                   |

| WARD | Total Population | White | % White | Black | % Black | Hispanic | % Hispanic | Native | % Native | Asian |
|------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|----------|------------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1    | 2,337            | 1,258 | 53.83%  | 47    | 2.01%   | 843      | 36.07%     | 46     | 1.97%    | 101   |
| 2    | 2,375            | 733   | 30.86%  | 11    | 0.46%   | 1,530    | 64.42%     | 80     | 3.37%    | 54    |
| 3    | 2,387            | 1,074 | 44.99%  | 32    | 1.34%   | 1,102    | 46.17%     | 47     | 1.97%    | 78    |

| <b>% Asian</b> | <b>Hawaiian</b> | <b>% Hawaiian</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>% Other</b> | <b>Total Minority</b> | <b>% Minority</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 4.32%          | 10              | 0.43%             | 487          | 20.84%         | 1,079                 | 46.17%            |
| 2.27%          | 1               | 0.04%             | 922          | 38.82%         | 1,642                 | 69.14%            |
| 3.27%          | 34              | 1.42%             | 602          | 25.22%         | 1,313                 | 55.01%            |

| WARD | Total Voting Age Population | VA White | % VA White | VA Black | % VA Black | VA Hispanic |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| 1    | 1,710                       | 999      | 58.42%     | 36       | 2.11%      | 524         |
| 2    | 1,577                       | 591      | 37.48%     | 8        | 0.51%      | 911         |
| 3    | 1,697                       | 905      | 53.33%     | 27       | 1.59%      | 661         |

| <i>VA Percent Hispanic</i> | <i>VA Native</i> | <i>% VA Native</i> | <i>VA Asian</i> | <i>% VA Asian</i> | <i>VA Hawaiian</i> | <i>% VA Hawaiian</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 30.64%                     | 25               | 1.46%              | 88              | 5.15%             | 6                  | 0.35%                |
| 57.77%                     | 52               | 3.30%              | 40              | 2.54%             | -                  | 0.00%                |
| 38.95%                     | 33               | 1.94%              | 59              | 3.48%             | 12                 | 0.71%                |

| <b>VA Other</b> | <b>% VA Other</b> | <b>VA Minority</b> | <b>% VA Minority</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 312             | 18.25%            | 711                | 41.58%               |
| 557             | 35.32%            | 986                | 62.52%               |
| 354             | 20.86%            | 792                | 46.67%               |



## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

City Council Meeting

Date Submitted: 12/07/2021

**DATE:** 12/21/2021      **SUBMITTED BY:** Joy Stevenson, Library Director

**ITEM:** Consider authorizing the Library Director to apply for a \$1,000 grant for ecological education programs.

**SUMMARY:** Project Overview

Garden ecology, pollinator biodiversity, and the role of native plant species are at the center of a blossoming nationwide initiative to support ecosystem health from the ground up. Pollinators, like native wild bees are essential players in the success and health of local ecosystems – but are far too often ignored (or feared!) Instead, they should be celebrated and supported as exceptional, hard-working species crucial to a thriving natural world.

To that end, and in celebration of the new documentary, My Garden of a Thousand Bees, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios and PBS Nature are launching #PlantWildflowers, a nationwide education and action initiative to highlight pollinator diversity and spark local efforts to support wild pollinators. The effort is being undertaken in association with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Air Wick® Scented Oils, whose One Square Foot initiative aims to replant one billion square feet of grasslands in the Northern Great Plains, and to get people all over the country to plant their own one square foot of native wildflowers.

Across the US and Canada, we’re inviting libraries to join us and host localized pollinator celebration events that will build community collaborations, highlight the crucial role bees and other pollinators play, and give members the opportunity to support local pollinators by planting native wildflowers. To help cover the costs, selected libraries will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, regionalized pollinator-friendly wildflower seed packets for distribution, and a variety of informal and formal pollinator-focused educational activity tools.

Participating libraries will be asked to host at least two events during the Spring and Summer of 2022, each with a focus on engaging family audiences, or other constituents that are important to your library. We suggest events like planting wildflower gardens, hosting community BioBlitzes using tools from our partners at iNaturalist and Seek, presentations from local nature centers or entomologists, or screenings of the acclaimed PBS Nature documentary My Garden of a Thousand Bees – a captivating film that will completely change the way you look at bees--and backyards and community gardens--wherever you are.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Council is requested to make a motion authorizing the Library Director to apply for the \$1,000 grant.

## CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") and the City of Crete, Nebraska (hereinafter referred to as "Crete").

WHEREAS, the City of Crete seeks to engage the services of Consultant to assist Crete on projects as set out in the **Scope of Services** below; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant agrees to provide services to Crete under the terms set of this agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES as follows:

**Section 1: Scope of Services.** Crete desires to engage the Consultant to assist Crete in the pursuit of a Sister Cities partnership with a foreign city to be determined at a later date. Towards this goal, Consultant shall provide the following services to Crete:

- ❖ To assist in the development and guidance of a committee of Crete elected and appointed officials and community volunteers with the identification of a foreign city that would be an appropriate Sister City partner with Crete;
- ❖ To facilitate meetings involving the committee of Crete elected and appointed officials and community volunteers established for the purpose of pursuing a Sister Cities partnership with a foreign city yet to be determined;
- ❖ To assist the Crete Sister Cities committee in the preparation of an application for a Sister City partnership;
- ❖ To assist the Crete Sister Cities committee in the promotion of efforts focused on the development of a Sister City partnership involving the City of Crete;
- ❖ To facilitate meetings with the Crete Sister Cities committee to be held for the purpose of developing programs, projects, and exchanges appropriate for a Sister Cities partnership; and
- ❖ To help prepare Crete and the Crete Sister Cities committee to sustain the Sister Cities partnership long into the future.

**Section 2: Term.** The term of this agreement shall begin on January 1, 2022 and continue up to and through December 31, 2023, or one week after a formal Sister Cities agreement is executed between Crete and the city to be determined at a later date, whichever shall first occur.

**Section 3: Compensation.** The parties agree that the Consultant will receive compensation at the rate of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per hour, commencing on January 1, 2022, up to a maximum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for up to (200) billable hours of service per year, until completion of services under the terms of this agreement.

Consultant shall deliver to Crete a statement for services performed by Consultant on behalf of Crete, and any expenses incurred under Section 4, below, on a semi-annual basis throughout the term of this agreement. Upon receipt of said statement, Crete shall promptly remit payment for such hours of work performed at the rate set out above and expenses incurred during the term of this agreement. 11



**Section 10: Binding Effect.** This Consultant Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Crete and Consultant.

**Section 11: Execution in Counterparts.** This Consultant Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**Section 12: Governing Law and Regulations.** This Consultant Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

City of Crete,

Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC

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Dave Bauer – Mayor

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