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Citizens, Cops and Firefighters to Rally for a Better Milwaukee

News Conference Tomorrow Morning to Promote Sunday Rally

A contingent of Milwaukee citizens, police officers and firefighters will hold a news conference tomorrow (**Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009**) at the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215 headquarters, trumpeting a large weekend rally at Serb Hall and calling on Mayor Tom Barrett to create a plan for improving the city's finances and the overall quality of life for residents.

The news conference will include Alderman Bob Donovan and will begin at 10 a.m. at Local 215, 5625 W. Wisconsin Ave. Local 215 and Milwaukee Police Association officials will also participate, and immediately afterward, Local 215 members will fan out in the neighborhoods surrounding Serb Hall (5101 W. Oklahoma Ave.) to distribute fliers about a large public rally set for 1 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 11) at the popular south side banquet/meeting hall and restaurant.

Alderman Donovan, referring to what he calls proposed 2010 budget "attacks" on fire and police staffing, said he and others believe "the very future of Milwaukee hangs in the balance."

"This constant budgetary attack on Milwaukee's firefighters and police officers has got to end," said Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee.

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“When you don’t have adequate public safety and people don’t feel safe, then you have nothing,” he said. “Once you start chipping away at the edges of public safety services, that’s when people who would have otherwise been OK start dying.”

Also, the alderman said the rally will include a call to end “the mayor’s continuing drumbeat of higher taxes, fee increases, and fewer services for city residents.” “We will be calling instead for a real plan to turn this city around, to bring us back from the brink. We want leadership, and we want it now.”

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