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MEDIA ADVISORY

President Hines Expresses Concern Over Flooding, Sewage in City Neighborhoods

Common Council President Willie Hines will speak with neighborhood residents at **18th St. and Wright St. TODAY at 6:00 p.m.** regarding recent heavy rains and raw sewage that has significantly damaged homes in an up-and-coming area of the 15th District.

“It is disheartening and disappointing that residents in the Lindsay Heights/Phyllis Wheatley neighborhoods continue to have raw sewage in their basements when there is any significant rain,” President Hines said. “These residents have been more than patient with the Administration and Department of Public Works. Many have invested tens of thousands of dollars in homes in an area that provides a healthy tax base for the City of Milwaukee. We must find out why this is happening and we must do it immediately.”

In addition to the Lindsay Heights and Phyllis Wheatley neighborhoods, Pres. Hines’ office examined sewage damage in other parts of the city early this morning.

President Hines invites the press to join him as he talks with affected residents. Some residents may share evidence of their flooding damage with camera crews and reporters, but please be sensitive to their privacy.

“The Department of Public Works has attempted to address this problem in the past, but it is clear that we have not yet reached a viable solution,” President Hines said.

WHAT: Neighborhood walk-thru to discuss flood damage
WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2009
WHERE: 18th St. and Wright St., 15th District

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