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Council Members to Participate in NAACP Annual Event

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Nik Kovac and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will be part of the Milwaukee Branch of the NAACP's **Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and festivities on Saturday, September 24, 2011**. The event is a celebration of the history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest and largest Civil Rights organization in the United States.

"The Milwaukee Branch of the NAACP dates back to 1924," Alderman Hamilton said. "This annual event to further our commitment to the political, educational, social and economic equality for people of color is a Milwaukee tradition and I'm eager to be a part of the community in this way."

The public is invited to join in the event, which is hosted at the **Hyatt Regency Downtown, 333 W. Kilbourn Ave. and begins with a silent auction and reception at 5:30 p.m.** and follows with a dinner program at 6:30 p.m.

"Fundraising is hard in these economic times," Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs said. "But the support and stamina of this local branch of the NAACP offers us the opportunity to showcase the social justice successes in Milwaukee as well as bring together the public for continued progress toward the organization's goals."

Event attendees are also invited to The Freedom Party, an after party at the Hyatt in the Polaris rooftop room. The party is designed to help young professionals and new NAACP members network and build relationships and those interested may attend separately from the dinner event.