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## Bronzeville Area Call for Development Marks Important Milestone

*Ald. Coggs announces two Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been released for the area*

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs proudly announced today that the continuous efforts to cultivate the Bronzeville African American Cultural Arts and Entertainment District of Milwaukee took another step forward today with the release of two RFPs for development in the area.

The first is a commercial development opportunity for 622-630 W. North Ave., a building and adjacent land that may host two storefronts or new development that offer high visibility in the area. Uses may include a sit-down restaurant, a venue with a cultural or historic focus, theater, entertainment venue, artist studio or a retail establishment. The second RFP is for the vacant land at 1940-1948 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. New development on this site will join the YWCA, *Milwaukee Times* offices, North Shore Bank and Reader's Choice Bookstore as anchors in the historic area.

"We have made steady progress in cultivating the Bronzeville area as a cultural and entertainment district that honors a rich history in our community. In the present, however, development in this area and on Historic Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. means more stable neighborhoods, increased economic viability and more jobs for residents," Alderwoman Coggs said. "I am eager to be a part of the positive change engaged agencies and individuals bring to this essential part of the city."

The RFPs can be found on the [Commercial-RFP](#) page of the Bronzeville website, [www.milwaukee.gov/bronzeville](http://www.milwaukee.gov/bronzeville) and the Department of City Development will host an informational meeting about the properties on **Thursday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the first floor conference room, 809 N. Broadway.**