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Youth Council to Send Delegation to 2012 Congressional City Conference

This weekend the **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** is sending three of its members to attend the National League of Cities' 2012 Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

The conference will focus on local innovation and federal advocacy and will give Youth Council members the opportunity to meet federal representatives and learn more about the important issues facing the City of Milwaukee and other U.S. cities, according to **Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**, chair of the NLC's International Council and the author of the legislation that created the Youth Council.

Alderman Davis said he believes attending the conference will provide Youth Council members with invaluable experience and knowledge. "They will learn firsthand how municipal leaders make connections with federal representatives in efforts to influence debate and discussion that can lead to positive developments and outcomes for Milwaukee and other big cities," he said.

This year's participants include Youth Council President **Zach Komes**, Vice President **Ben Scotty**, and Council executive committee member **Hikeem Williams-Davis**. They will participate in workshops, work on committees, be a part of a Milwaukee lobbying day that will include meetings with Sen. Herb Kohl and Sen. Ron Johnson, and will hear from speakers such as United States Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.

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Youth Council participants are excited about attending the conference. “We are incredibly honored to have this opportunity to meet some of the municipal leaders who, like us, are dedicated to seeing positive changes taking place,” Komes said. “We also hope to gain ideas from other youth councils whose members will be at the conference, and come back enlightened on how we can meet the needs of Milwaukee youth.”

The Milwaukee Youth Council members will be chaperoned by adults during the duration of the trip. The events of the conference will culminate on Wednesday, March 14, which is reserved for lobbying city interests on Capitol Hill and at federal agencies.

The Milwaukee Youth Council is a body of young leaders aged 14 to 18 interested in government and in making a difference in the Milwaukee community. For more information on the Youth Council please visit <http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil>.