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Major conference next week will attract national and international guests

Leaders and diplomats from across the U.S., Africa and the Caribbean are coming to Milwaukee to take part in next week's annual summer conference (July 31 – August 3) of the **National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO)** for the National League of Cities (NLC), **Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.** said.

Alderman Davis, currently serving a second term on the NLC's Board of Directors and a special member of the Board of Directors of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) for the National League of Cities (NLC), will serve as official conference host.

"Hosting this important conference is truly a feather in our cap, and I look forward to proudly showing our guests what Milwaukee has to offer, and also discussing important issues that can help improve the quality of life in our city and in the hometowns of our distinguished guests," Alderman Davis said, adding that the conference theme is "**Looking Back, Leaning Forward.**"

The news media is invited to cover the conference (please see the **attached** final schedule of activities), which will be held at the downtown Hyatt Regency Milwaukee Hotel.

Notable guests will include **Congresswoman Gwen Moore**, who will receive the NBC-LEO Legacy Award, and **Senator Ron Johnson**. **Mayor Tom Barrett** will also take part in the Mayor's Reception on Thursday, August 1.

Presiding at the conference will be NBC-LEO Board **President Jacquelyn Johnson**, a member of the City Council of East Orange, NJ, as well as NBC-LEO first vice president and World Conference of Mayors President and CEO **James Walls**, Mayor of District Heights, MD.

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NBC-LEO Summer Conference/ADD ONE

Alderman Davis said he expects several Common Council colleagues to take part in the conference, including **Alderman Ashanti Hamilton**, who assisted in helping coordinate details for the conference, and **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**, who late last year was elected to serve as Region 7 Director for NBC-LEO (an area that includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota).

Alderman Davis said he intends to encourage conference attendees to visit African World Festival, as well as the “30 Americans” exhibit at the Milwaukee Art Museum, during their stay (the festival is happening August 3 and 4 at Maier Festival Park). Also, **Alderman Willie C. Wade** and city Block Grant Administration director **Steve Mahan** will be providing guests with guided mobile tours of the city.

NBC-LEO was created in 1970 to represent the interests of African American elected officials. NBC-LEO’s objectives include increasing African American participation on NLC’s steering and policy committees to ensure that policy and program recommendations reflect African American concerns and benefit their communities.

The organization also works independently with its members to inform them on issues affecting the African American community and helps to devise ways to achieve their community objectives through legislation and direct action.

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