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Youth Council delegation headed to 2013 Congressional City Conference

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** is sending a delegation to the nation's capital next week for the **National League of Cities 2013 Congressional City Conference**. The conference will be held March 9 to March 13 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C.

The four members from the Milwaukee City Youth Council executive board who will be attending are President **James Elias** and members **Takiya Eiland, Dyamond Lewis,** and **Cesar Hernandez**.

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., who sponsored legislation that created the Youth Council several years ago, is a member of the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities. He said the City of Milwaukee Youth Council delegation will have a White House briefing, will meet with members of Congress, and will have a unique opportunity to participate, engage, and discuss important topics on a national level with other Youth Councils from around the country.

“We hope they will bring back to Milwaukee an understanding of the importance of engaging at the national level, of working with fellow representatives, and to get a better understanding of local government services and how local government entities must manage competing priorities under tight financial constraints,” Alderman Davis said.

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The four-day NLC conference is an annual legislative forum that brings together more than 2,000 elected and appointed local officials to discuss federal policies that are important to local governments. The goal is to connect local leaders from all over the country to allow for sharing and learning about innovative local policies as well as collaborating in the search for solutions to the nation's economic challenges.

The Milwaukee City Youth Council will be attending meetings of the National League of Cities Youth Council on Monday and Tuesday (with members of other Youth Councils from across the U.S.), where discussions will focus on projects and legislation members have worked on in their home cities. Wednesday will be "lobby day" for both the youth and adult participants of the conference, taking them to Capitol Hill to visit with members of Congress. The City of Milwaukee Youth Council will have an opportunity to talk about issues important to them with **Sen. Tammy Baldwin** and **Sen. Ron Johnson**, Alderman Davis said.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council members will be live blogging, sharing pictures and tweeting about their experiences through the MYC's Twitter feed (@mkeyouthcouncil) and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mkeyouthcouncil. For more information on the Youth Council please visit city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil.

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