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Milwaukee to be Represented at World Urban Forum

Milwaukee Common Council member Joe Davis, Sr., an appointed member of the 40 member Board of Directors of the National League of Cities (NLC) and chair of the group's International Council, has been appointed to travel as a delegate to the 5th World Urban Forum (WUF) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in March.

The WUF draws together nearly 10,000 people representing government, local grass roots organizations and for profit companies. NLC is a regular participant at WUF and its delegation to WUF will be led by Secretary Donovan and representatives from the Departments of State and Housing and Urban Development.

Ald. Davis, who is the chair of the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee and of the Sister Cities Committee, has served in multiple positions with the National League of Cities and was one of only 12 members selected to oversee the national organization's financial direction. The NLC will sponsor Davis' trip as their representative to the WUF because, according to Donald Borut, Executive Director of the NLC, Alderman Davis' "insights and perspectives will contribute much to our participation in this event."

Davis has been an active leader in the organization, serving as past chair of the NLC's Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee and member of the International Council prior to his appointment as chair.