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Alderman Proposing Task Force to Address Unemployment

Ald. Tony Zielinski is drafting a Common Council resolution to create a task force that addresses the unemployment issues in the City of Milwaukee, specifically as they affect African American males. “The joblessness rate for African American males in Milwaukee approaches nearly 48 percent and that’s unacceptable. We, as a community, have to make employment opportunities for African American men a priority and that’s why we’re creating this task force,” Alderman Zielinski said.

“Our city has willing and able African American men seeking employment, so bringing to the table leaders from all segments of the community is a logical way to foster the growth and development of our city and will be key in ensuring economic and employment progress,” Alderman Zielinski said. “From a social justice perspective, we have to make this a priority and that’s what this task force seeks to accomplish.”

The proposal creates a body that will include representatives from multiple agencies including business and professional organizations, faith-based organizations, community based organizations (CBO), education groups and more.

He anticipates that this will come before the Common Council in May. More details will be provided in the coming week.