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**Willie L. Hines, Jr.**  
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## **Alderman Hines and Residents to Hold Press Conference TODAY, Demand that MMSD Fund Solution**

For the third straight summer, residents of the neighborhood around 25<sup>th</sup> St. and Brown St.—as well as many other parts of the city—have had to endure raw sewage in their basements. For three years, Common Council President Hines has met personally with these residents, along with engineers from the Department of Public Works, and surveyed their basements.

In several meetings with representatives from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District, President Hines has pushed for solutions. It appears that when MMSD opens the gates of the Deep Tunnel, residents do not experience sewage in their basements. When the gates are closed, sewage overflows neighborhoods connected to combined sewer systems—often in the central city—and homes are overwhelmed by contaminated sewage.

**The time has come for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District to step up to step up to the plate and fund a solution to this problem. Obviously, raw sewage in Lake Michigan is an environmental concern, but raw sewage in peoples' basements must also be an environmental concern.**

**Common Council President Hines and affected residents will meet TODAY in front of 1930 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St., to call on MMSD to address the annual sewage issue.**

**COMMUNITY LEADERS AND MEDIA REPRESENTITIVES ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**WHAT: Press Conference Calling on MMSD to Address  
Flooding**

**WHO: Milwaukee Common Council President Hines  
and Residents**

**WHERE: 1930 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St.**

**WHEN: 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2010**

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