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Girls' Day at City Hall Pairs Young Women with Public Service

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs (6th District) is hosting the inaugural Girls' Day at City Hall **TOMORROW, May 25, 2011** to pair local leaders with young women in the community. The event focuses on bringing young professionals who serve as elected officials or community service leaders together with teens in order to empower the students to realize the multiple ways they can impact their community.

"Women are significantly underrepresented in elected offices and often, they are unaware of the opportunities before them. This event is a means to show young women what their options are and what it means to serve your community," Alderwoman Coggs said. "We can have a big impact on women representing their communities by showcasing some of our strongest leaders as mentors."

Guest speakers include local community activists Sharlen Moore, Jasmine Johnson, Jayme Montgomery-Baker, Lelah Huntley, LaShawndra Vernon as well as Municipal Court Judge Valarie Hill and County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Peggy West. Danae Davis, founder of Pearls for Teen Girls will open the event as an honored speaker.

"My goal is to pair these leaders and young women in a forum that allows for exchange of ideas, mentorship and networking and most of all, inspiration," Alderwoman Coggs said.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda and the press is invited to attend the opening ceremony. Girls must pre-register to attend the day's sessions.