Alderwoman Coggs Working with Youth to Find Peaceful Alternatives

Stop the Violence Youth Summit tomorrow at Martin Luther King Center

Alderman Milele A. Coggs of the Milwaukee Common Council will take part in the Peace for Change Alliance and Urban Grass Roots’ (Bridging the Gap) Stop the Violence Youth Summit tomorrow (Saturday, September 10, 2011) at the Martin Luther King Center, 1531 W. Vliet St.

The event is scheduled to go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is expected to include other elected officials representing areas across the city and Milwaukee County.

Alderwoman Coggs, the youngest woman ever elected to the Common Council (and the youngest current member of the Council), said she looks forward to talking and listening on Saturday. “Our young people are the future of our city, and it’s vitally important that we maintain open lines of communication, listen to their ideas for reducing crime, and work closely with them to help them find a path away from violence,” she said.

Each elected official in attendance will sign a commitment agreement and will be paired with a young person, promising to work with that person to come up with ideas for youth-focused projects for next spring and summer. The event will also feature workshops, guest speakers, the Brew City Corvette Club, unique classic cars, food, and a block cleanup.

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Where: MLK Center, 1531 W. Vliet St.

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