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## Diversity Questions To Come Before Committee

*Alds. Coggs, Wade and Hamilton call for discussion of Fire and Police diversity recruiting and retention*

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Willie Wade and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton are drafting a communication file that requests that officials from the Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Police Department and the Fire and Police Commission testify before the Public Safety Committee to discuss the city's current efforts at creating and sustaining a diverse workforce.

"The City of Milwaukee is the most diverse city in the state, and that should be clearly reflected in the population working as firefighters and police officers. Our firefighters and police officers are anchors in their neighborhoods, on and off duty. I would hope they realize if Milwaukee is good enough to work here, then it should be good enough to live here," Alderwoman Coggs said.

Referencing a Tuesday news event hosted by the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters, Alderman Willie Wade said, "It's vital that the city get in front of this matter as soon as possible to avoid another lawsuit. We must keep moving forward to build and support a diverse workforce."

Alderman Hamilton added, "The consequences of Governor Walker's budget are that the city will face many financial liabilities. Supporting the diversity in the fire and police force and supporting them as residents of the city should be a key priority."

An investigation into the processes the departments enact to ensure the recruiting of minority candidates and the means by which they are retained in the departments will be a part of the discussion the Council members hope to generate when the legislative file comes before committee.