



Inauguration of City of Milwaukee Elected Officials

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Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council Announce Inauguration Ceremonies *Ceremonies to kick off 2012-2016 term*

Public inauguration ceremonies for Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Common Council members and other elected city officials will be held next Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the grand third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, Mayor Barrett and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. announced today. The ceremonies – free and open to the public – are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

The inauguration will follow the 2012-2016 charter meeting of the Common Council, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday – also in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. At this meeting, Mayor Barrett and the 15 Common Council members will be sworn in, and the Council will select a Common Council President and appoint the City Clerk.

The public inauguration ceremonies (10:30 a.m.) will include the swearing in of other citywide elected officials including the City Comptroller and City Treasurer, and there will be a second, ceremonial swearing in of the Common Council (City Attorney Grant F. Langley will be sworn in at a separate time because he will be helping with a case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court on Tuesday). The event will include performances by local singers and musicians, as well as brief remarks by the Common Council President, Common Council members and the other elected officials.

Following the ceremonies, guests and city residents will be invited to a public reception inside City Hall. Third floor committee rooms will be open and members of the Common Council will greet visitors and will receive guests during the reception.

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Citizens are encouraged to attend the ceremony and to explore historic City Hall, built in 1895, a National Historic Landmark and an iconic source of pride for Milwaukeeans during three centuries. Downtown parking is limited and residents and guests are encouraged to carpool or use public transportation. County bus routes are available at <http://www.ridemcts.com/> or by calling (414) 344-6711. Public parking lots/ramps are available at the SW corner of Kilbourn and Water, 1000 N. Water, and 4th and Highland. Additional parking may be located at www.parkmilwaukee.com.

“This ceremony is a true celebration that takes place once but every four years, marking a new beginning and a new chapter in the government elected by and for the citizens of Milwaukee,” said Common Council President Willie Hines. “My belief is that this Common Council is ready to continue the important work of making decisions that help move our neighborhoods and our city forward. I am confident that the members will be taking their oaths with the clear intention of making laws that protect and enhance the quality of life for all Milwaukee residents, and that they are united in their belief that our city is great and that it can be – and will be – even greater.”

“We want the citizens of Milwaukee to be able to share in this occasion,” Mayor-elect Tom Barrett said. “This ceremony and celebration will provide residents with a chance to see where and how the Mayor and the Common Council will work together to continue to move our city forward.”

The official program for the event will be released by the City Clerk’s Office on Monday, April 16.