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Immigration summit next week will feature key experts, timely discussions

The prospect of meaningful immigration reform and how it could affect Milwaukee will be one of several key issues discussed next week during an immigration summit hosted by Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. and Alderman José G. Pérez.

The summit, which will feature a panel of key experts and commentators, will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 25, at Centennial Hall inside the Milwaukee Public Library’s Central Library. The entrance to the hall is located at 733 N. 8th St.

The event is free and open to the public.

Alderman Davis, who has taken part in White House briefings on the topic of immigration reform in his capacity as a member of the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities (NLC), said he will lead one of the summit’s panel discussions focusing on “the legal process and long-term implications of possible reform legislation coming out of Congress.”

A second panel discussion, led by Alderman Pérez, will focus on members of the community, and will allow residents to share their stories, experiences, and concerns about possible immigration reform measures.

The panelists will include:

- Attorney Joseph Rivas from Hochstatter, McCarthy, Rivas and Runde, S.C.
- Beatriz Gonzalez of Centro Hispano Milwaukee (Council for the Spanish Speaking).
- Stan Willis, Chicago attorney.

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- Charles Vang, Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce.
- Jennifer Martinez of Voces de la Frontera.
- Theo Iyasele, Nigeria Community of Milwaukee.
- Fessehaye Mebrahtu, Pan African Community Association.

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