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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Common Council to honor Vel Phillips & Willie Hines

Attorney Vel Phillips and former Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. will be recognized during tomorrow's (Tuesday, March 4) regular meeting of the full Council at City Hall.

The Council will meet at 9 a.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

Ms. Phillips celebrated her 90th birthday on February 18, and Mr. Hines vacated his seat on the Council, resigning as 15th District Alderman and Common Council President, effective February 1 to become assistant director of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee.

In 1956 Ms. Phillips became the first alderwoman in Milwaukee's history and the first African American on the Council. In 1971, she became the first African American woman to serve as a judge in Wisconsin and the first woman to serve as a judge in Milwaukee. In 1978 she made history as the first woman and African American elected to a constitutional office as the Secretary of State for Wisconsin.

Mr. Hines was elected 15th District Alderman in 1996, and in 2004 was elected by his peers as Common Council President, the top Council leadership position. A former longtime chair of the Housing Authority board, his leadership approach has championed equality, inclusiveness and diversity.

Tomorrow's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

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