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Youth Council delegation headed to 2014 Congressional City Conference

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council is sending a delegation to the nation's capital next week for the **National League of Cities 2014 Congressional City Conference**. The conference will be held **March 8 to March 12** at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The members of the Youth Council who will be attending are **Takiya Eiland, Morgan Hines, Marquise Mays, Sydeni Parker** and **Gabriella Leachmon**. They are the fourth delegation of Youth Council members to attend the annual prime NLC conference.

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., who sponsored legislation that created the Youth Council several years ago, is a member of the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities. He said the City of Milwaukee Youth Council delegation will meet with members of Congress, possibly tour the White House or U.S. Capitol and participate in meetings and discussions with other Youth Councils. Alderman Davis said the members will have a unique opportunity to have their voices heard on a national level about issues that are important to them and the country.

“Our goal is to have them come home to Milwaukee with an overall experience that included not only educational opportunities and experiences, but also valuable interactions with elected representatives and other key players on the national level, all while learning about local government and the challenges and solutions that are out there,” Alderman Davis said.

The four-day NLC conference is an annual legislative forum that brings together more than 2,000 elected and appointed local officials to discuss federal policies that are important to local governments. The goal is to connect local leaders from all over the country to allow for sharing and learning about innovative local policies as well as collaborating in the search for solutions to the nation's economic challenges.

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The Youth Council delegation will be chaperoned and will be attending meetings of the National League of Cities Youth Council on Monday (with members of other Youth Councils from across the U.S.), where discussions will focus on projects and legislation members have worked on in their home cities. On Tuesday, March 11, the group will participate in more meetings of the National Leagues of Cities Youth Council and then have the opportunity to meet with **Rep. Gwen Moore** to talk about issues that are important to them. Wednesday (March 12) will give the participants the opportunity to have more interaction with the members of Congress as they will go to Capitol Hill to visit with members of Congress, including the chance to talk with **Rep. Paul Ryan** and **Sen. Ron Johnson**, Alderman Davis said. There is also the possibility that the group will receive a tour of either the White House or U.S. Capitol Building on Wednesday.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council members will be live blogging, sharing pictures and tweeting about their experiences through the MYC's Twitter feed (@mkeyouthcouncil) and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mkeyouthcouncil. For more information on the Youth Council please visit city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil.

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