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Vel Phillips documentary to screen at NLC conference in Washington

Milwaukee civil rights icon **Vel Phillips**, the first African American member of the Milwaukee Common Council and Wisconsin's first African American Secretary of State, will be honored at the National League of Cities (NLC) conference in Washington D.C. next week.

Phillips is the subject of "Dream Big Dreams," a newly-released documentary produced by Wisconsin Public Television that details her life as a civil rights leader and her career in public service. **Milwaukee Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**, who serves as chair of the NLC's International Council, said he has arranged to have the documentary screened before a gathering of NLC's National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

"It's an absolute honor to have facilitated the screening of this documentary during the same NLC conference where President Barack Obama will be addressing the membership," Alderman Davis said.

The film will screen at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9** in the Thurgood Marshall Room of the **Marriott Wardman, 2600 Woodley Rd. NW in Washington D.C.** Vel Phillips herself will participate in the event via a live video feed.

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“As President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), we are proud as an organization to have the opportunity to showcase such a trailblazer like Mrs. Vel Phillips with the screening of her documentary, ‘Dream Big Dreams,’” said District Heights, Md. Mayor James Walls, Jr. “Her legacy will inspire us all.”

Alderman Davis has been an active member of the NLC for years, serving as chair of various committees and a member of its board of directors. He currently serves on NLC’s Advisory Council, and credits his involvement with the NLC to his “NBC-LEO family,” as he fondly refers to the organization.

“I would like to personally thank everyone who has worked to make it possible for the City of Milwaukee to showcase such an important local figure on a national stage,” Alderman Davis said. “We owe a great debt of gratitude to Northwestern Mutual CEO John Schlifske, Northwestern Mutual Foundation vice president John Kordsmeier, WPT Director of Production Kathy Bissen and WPT Special Projects Coordinator Karole L. S. Kimble for their hard work and sponsorship of this initiative.”