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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters mentees experience making laws, meeting leaders at City Hall**

Participants in **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee** will learn firsthand how laws are made on the Milwaukee Common Council by drafting a few of their own in a mock session on the council floor during **BBBS Civics in Action** this **Thursday evening, September 22** at City Hall.

**Mayor Tom Barrett** and **Alderman Chantia Lewis** will be among the elected officials who will greet participants and explain the importance of education and civic engagement, and the ways that young people can get involved in shaping the communities in which they live. Participants will then be seated at desks on the Common Council floor, which are usually off-limits to the public. After learning the basics of Robert's Rules of Order and how the Common Council conducts business, the "Littles" will get to hold their own mock session, during which they will introduce, debate and pass new "laws" for the City of Milwaukee.

Now in its fourth year, Civics in Action is a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Milwaukee Common Council-City Clerk's office and Mayor Barrett's office.

**Media coverage is invited**, and can include visuals of the mock council session.

**What: BBBS Civics in Action at City Hall**

**When: 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22**

**Where: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Rotunda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Common Council Chamber  
City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

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