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My Brother's Keeper Youth Forum hosted by President Ashanti Hamilton and Mayor Tom Barrett

On **Saturday** (May 21) **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton** will be joined by **Mayor Tom Barrett** in helping to kick off a series of events that will empower, motivate and build leadership among youth in their own social communities. The discussion on Saturday will take place at Obama High School, located at 5075 N. Sherman Blvd.

The topics of discussion will be unlawful driving, how to prioritize problems, the pressing issues they face as youth and how the community can best support them. President Hamilton, the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Public Schools, Black Male Achievement Advisory Council, the Milwaukee Police Department, the Fire and Police Commission and My Brother's Keeper are partnering in what will be the first of three targeted youth engagement efforts to promote leadership and to keep them out of harm's way.

President Hamilton said the event will begin with a video on the impact of car theft and joy riding. A panel discussion will then take place, moderated by Shannon Sims of WTMJ4, and topics will range from peer pressure, to trauma, responsibility and dignity.

"As city leaders, we strive to assist our youth and change behavior that could possibly lead to crime and potential violent behavior, especially in the summer months when crime spikes the most," President Hamilton said.

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“This is an opportunity for the youth of Milwaukee, the police and other community partners to take a proactive stand in mentoring our youth in Milwaukee,” President Hamilton said.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Youths who met a variety of criteria were selected for this event so that a robust discussion can be had. For that purpose, this event is not open to the general public.

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