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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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## **Ald. Johnson represents Milwaukee during Local Government & Utility Day**

Today (**Wednesday, May 10**) in Madison, **Alderman Cavalier Johnson** is joining local government officials and staff from across the state for the **First Annual Local Government and Utility Day**.

The event is hosted by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW), Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA), Wisconsin Section of American Waterworks Association (WWA), the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association, and Municipal Environmental Group Water and Wastewater Divisions, and will draw attention to Wisconsin's critical infrastructure needs.

"One of my objectives as Alderman in the City of Milwaukee is to represent the good people of the second district both in city hall and across Wisconsin. We have to change the narrative of Milwaukee, and today I am joining with other municipal leaders to talk about some of our most pressing issues with legislators in Madison. I hope for a lively discussion related to some of the problems facing Milwaukee, which hopefully will lead to new and exciting policies," Alderman Johnson said.

Alderman Johnson said the overall focus will be twofold:

1. Re-invest in municipal transportation, water, sewer, electric, and broadband infrastructure; and
2. Retain and enhance economic development tools like tax incremental financing.

League Lobby Team members will specifically be talking with their Legislators about the following:

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## **Alderman Johnson in Madison/ADD ONE**

- **Transportation Funding:** The League urges the Legislature and Governor to enact a long-term, sustainable solution to funding our state's and our municipality's transportation needs.
- **Dark Store/Walgreens Tax Shift:** The League supports legislation that Rep. Rob Brooks (R-Saukville), Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) and Sen. Roger Roth (R-Appleton) are authoring to institute rules that ensure fair property assessments.
- **Lead Water Laterals:** The League supports legislation allowing water utilities to fund financial assistance programs for the removal of lead water service lines.

After their meetings at the Capitol, League Lobby Team members will be joined by Legislators and will hear from Larry Gigerich, Managing Director of Ginovus, a national leader in site selection for businesses.

Milwaukee is a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, founded in 1898. The League provides advocacy, legal services and training for Wisconsin's cities and villages.