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Dear Neighbor,

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. I miss seeing you all out in the district, knocking on your doors, and gathering for in-person meetings. Please do your part to ensure that we can gather safely soon: get your COVID-19 vaccine, continue to wear your mask, and practice social distancing. We all want to get back to normal and these steps are critical in order to ensure that we can. Please visit **milwaukee.gov/coronavirus** or call the Covid Hotline at (414) 286-6800 for the latest information on receiving your COVID-19 vaccine. I was proud to receive the vaccine in order to protect my friends, family, and community.

While the pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities by race, gender, and income in our city, I am confident that through our investments in community-supportive services we can come back more equitable than ever. The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) offers a once in a generation opportunity to invest in overdue priorities to support the fabric of our communities. The City of Milwaukee will be receiving a total of $394 million which it can encumber through 2024. It is critical that these investments are timely in addressing the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, are sustainable long-term, and represent community priorities. I passed legislation to ensure that the Common Council and our constituents play an active role in allocating funds and that decisions are transparent and community-centered. Make sure your voice is heard by filling out a survey on your priorities for ARPA funding at **engagemke.com/arp** or contact my office.

I have now completed my first year as Common Council President. This leadership role allows me to have greater influence in championing city-wide initiatives, appointing Common Council members to standing committees and to city-run bodies, while continuing to represent the 2nd District. Please know that I am still first and foremost your Alderman, and my commitment to the 2nd District remains unchanged. Thank you for electing me to serve our community.

I look forward to all that we can accomplish during this term with your support. Please don't hesitate to call my office with city service concerns, policy priorities, or additional information on COVID-19 resources. I am looking forward to spending more time with residents in the district this summer. Please contact my office if you would like to organize a neighborhood walk with myself and city staff at (414) 286-3787 or **aide2@milwaukee.gov**.

Sincerely,

Cavalier Johnson
Common Council President
2nd District Alderman

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Do you want to receive 2nd District and other city news updates?

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Illegal Dumping & Fireworks

Illegal Dumping
We continue to investigate **illegal dumping complaints**. To make a complaint of illegal dumping, please visit **milwaukee.gov/dumpingform** or call **(414) 286-2489**.

Fireworks
Email us at **aide2@milwaukee.gov** to report frequent offenders and we'll send them to your MPD District. Please also call the MPD non-emergency line at **(414) 933-4444**.

Scan this QR code to watch a special greeting from President Cavalier Johnson.

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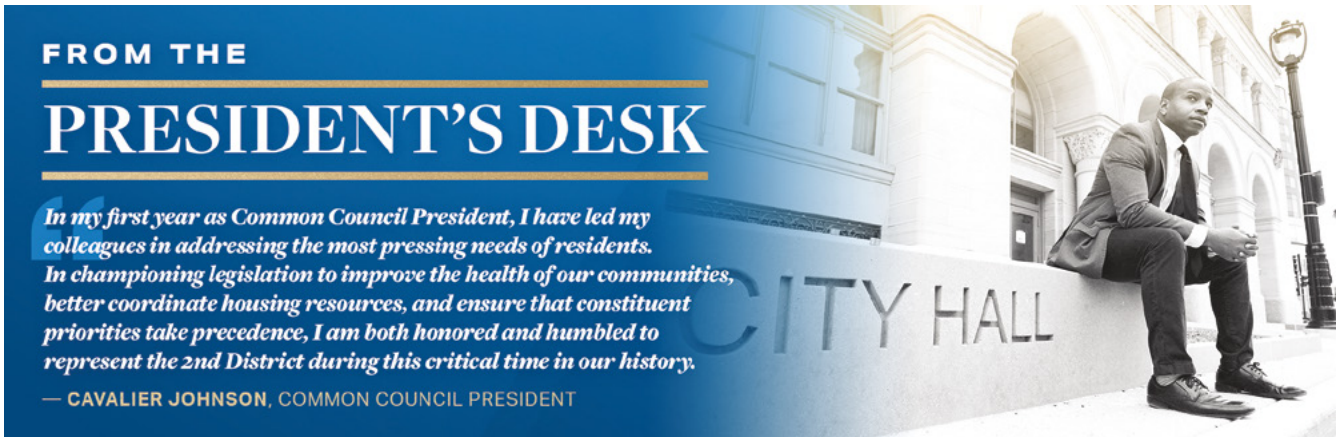

President Cavalier Johnson pictured outside City Hall. / **© Lee Matz at the Milwaukee Independent**

Ensuring Safe and Equitable Access to Housing

Quality, safe, and affordable housing is essential in supporting thriving communities. Residents and community groups have continued to advocate that Milwaukee families have access to affordable housing, safe infrastructure in their homes, safety from eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic and more control over homeownership in their neighborhoods. Housing instability affects the fabric of our community and is a critical leverage point in creating healthy, vibrant, and resilient neighborhoods.

Eviction Crisis

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the eviction crisis in our community became an even more dire concern. In order for families to be able to protect themselves from COVID-19, it was essential that they be able to stay in their homes, even if they ran into financial difficulties during this challenging time.

- I was the lead sponsor on a resolution which accepted $17.64 million in Federal Emergency Rent Assistance grants. This funding assists households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic through December 31, 2021.

- This program is administered in partnership with the Social Development Commission. Those in need of support should visit **cr-sdc.org/services/residential-services/mera** or call **(414) 906-2700** for more information on applying.

Homeownership Decline

Owner-occupied properties in the City of Milwaukee fell by 12 percent between 2005 and 2019. This steep decline of homeownership spurred by the Great Recession has led to the destabilization of neighborhoods and absentee landlords residing out of the city or even the county.

- I wanted to give neighbors an advantage in investing in homes for sale in their communities and thus the Ownership, Wealth, Neighborhood Stabilization (OWNS) program was developed. This program incentivizes existing homeowners within 500 feet of City of Milwaukee owned properties to purchase them for rental purposes in their own neighborhood. For more information on this program visit **milwaukee.gov/OWNS**.

Budget Amendments

During the 2021 budget process I introduced several successful budget amendments which leveraged improved coordination of housing resources and devoted more resources towards lead abatement.

- When a Wisconsin Policy Forum report found that there could be opportunities for increased housing coordination and streamlining of services in regional housing programs, I passed a resolution directing the Commissioner of City Development to collaborate with the Community Development Grants Administration, Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, and other local stakeholders to develop a comprehensive, interagency housing plan. This plan is being spearheaded by the Community Development Alliance utilizing a collective impact model to ensure the coordination of resources to increase homeownership among Black and Hispanic residents and increase access to affordable housing.

- To tackle the lead crisis in Milwaukee, a 2021 budget amendment included position authority to fill 25 new positions in the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) including public health nurses, lead risk assessors, chemists, lab technicians, and environmental health coordinators. This was done with the goal of providing active case management to children with blood lead levels at a lower threshold of 5 micrograms per deciliter and above. An additional $500,000 in funding was dedicated to a new SafeHomes Lead Abatement Initiative created in MHD and funded with Tax Incremental Financing resources. In total, $1 million in capital abatement funding will be available for the MHD with 2020 carryover funds. This investment in public health will protect children and families most at risk for lead poisoning in our community.

Quality, safe, affordable and stable housing is critical to the health of our community. I stand with residents of the 2nd District in ensuring housing is accessible to everyone.

I want to thank 2nd District residents for engaging with me to ensure that my policy priorities align with those that most directly affect them.

During my second term in office, I have championed the following legislation:

Denouncing Asian Hate:
A resolution expressing the Council's solidarity with Asian-American/Pacific Islander residents and condemning all acts of violence directed against this community.

Legislation on FPC:
A resolution urging the Fire and Police Commission to implement key systems improvements to record management and documentation of internal processes and policies to ensure improved organizational performance.

Renaming MFD headquarters:
A resolution renaming the Milwaukee Fire Department administration headquarters after Alonzo Robinson, Milwaukee and Wisconsin's first African American architect.

Purple Alert System:
Co-Sponsored a resolution seeking the adoption of a state-wide purple alert system to locate missing survivors of domestic violence.

Community Collaborative Commission:
Appointed new members and allocated $50,000 in funding the citizen-led Community Collaborative Commission to provide a forum for and solicit community input regarding policing and law enforcement policies, procedures, and practices in Milwaukee. The commission worked with the Milwaukee Police Department to create a revised community orientated policing policy for the department.

Omnibus:
Spearheaded an omnibus budget amendment which:

- Allocated $200,000 for the Department of City Development's Healthy Food Fund to increase access to healthy food choices.
- Funded three additional mental health clinicians for the Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) program to assist MPD officers with mental health calls for service. Instead of punitive measures, these clinicians are able to connect residents with case workers and mental health resources in our community.
- $60,000 in funding was added to the Arts Board to support Milwaukee artists and arts organizations.

President Cavalier Johnson addresses the media after receiving his COVID-19 vaccine alongside Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley (R) and County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson. **© Lee Matz at the Milwaukee Independent**

President Cavalier Johnson pictured inside the Common Council Chambers at City Hall. **© Lee Matz at the Milwaukee Independent**

President Cavalier Johnson testifies at the 2021 State Joint Finance Committee hearing in Rhinelander to advocate for increased shared revenue and the option to hold a sales tax referendum to diversify Milwaukee's revenue stream and sustain essential services.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ARPA Overview

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The passage of this bill signified one of the largest single investments in local governments in a generation. This means a $394 million investment into the City of Milwaukee beginning with half of the funding allocated in early May 2021 and the rest of the funding allocated one year later. Official Treasury guidance indicates that the funding can be encumbered until 2024 and used to:

- **Support public health**
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19**
- **Support the communities hardest hit by COVID-19**
- **Provide premium pay to essential workers**
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**

With this level of investment in our city, it is more essential than ever that residents' voices are heard and their priorities represented in how these resources are allocated. In order to ensure transparency and accountability, President Johnson co-led with Alderman Michael Murphy, Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, several resolutions related to how ARPA funds can be allocated and expended.

- **A resolution establishing a public facing dashboard detailing the allocation and expenditure of funds.**
- **A resolution directing the Budget and Management Division to submit a report to the Common Council on how 2020 CARES Act funding was expended.**
- **A resolution directing the Budget and Management Division to submit a transparent and inclusive plan for the allocation of funds including:**
  1. **Conducting a public survey to identify the community's priorities for ARPA allocations.**
  2. **The Office of Equity and Inclusion establishing specific and measurable goals related to the allocation of funds.**
  3. **Presenting a proposed budget for allocating and expending the ARPA award.**
  4. **Soliciting public comments following the presentation of the proposed ARPA budget.**
  5. **Engaging in hearings before the Finance and Personnel Committee to finalize the ARPA allocation plan.**

The American Rescue Plan Act represents a tremendous opportunity for our community, and this legislative package helps ensure that funding allocations are strategic, equitable, and make a significant impact for residents.

COVID-19 Outreach

COVID-19 has impacted our community now for well over a year, and the COVID-19 vaccine remains the most powerful tool to assist in mitigating the impacts of the virus. Currently, all residents ages 12 and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine free of charge and regardless of health insurance status.

There are several locations throughout Milwaukee that offer vaccinations by appointment or walk-in. For a full list of vaccination sites, and other vaccine info, please visit **milwaukee.gov/CovidVax**.

Even after receiving your vaccine, always remember the three W's: Wash your hands regularly, Wear your mask and Watch your distance. Defeating this virus will take a team effort and all of these efforts are crucial.

COVID-19 testing also remains widely available for anyone regardless of symptoms. Visit **milwaukee.gov/coronavirus** for testing sites and information, or call the Covid Hotline at (414) 286-6800.

President Cavalier Johnson receives his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
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HOST A MOBILE VACCINE CLINIC
Contact our office if your organization wants to host a mobile vaccine clinic.

Business CARES Act Grants

The City of Milwaukee's Restart program provided assistance to COVID-19-affected small businesses in our community. Use of funds in the first round were for personal protective equipment, business modifications to protect workers or patrons, and/or replenishing perishable inventory. $4,265,745 in grants were distributed to businesses throughout the city.

2ND DISTRICT 1ST ROUND RESTART GRANT RECIPIENTS

BUSINESS NAME
Zaza Steak & Lemonade
The Hideaway Tavern
Mchete's African Treasures, LLC
A Passion For Kids II
360 Barber and Beauty Hair Salon
Dee's Elegance
Destiny' Child Christian Academy II, LLC
The Stage
Toki and Associates
Vinii Solar Engineering & Electric
Different Shades of Healing, LLC
Collier Creations Salon & Barber
AJA Enterprise, LLC
Fremos
Eagle Real Estate Group LLC
Solomon Medical Staffing Agency, LLC
M Mini Mart LLC
A Perfect Plus LLC
Shoe Trend

40 for Life Blood Donation

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President Cavalier Johnson celebrated his 40th blood donation with Versiti on November 28, 2020 at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center. Donating blood is more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic. President Johnson enjoys giving back through blood donation as many patients are critically in need of life-saving transfusions.

Please consider donating by contacting Versiti's Milwaukee donor center at (877) 232-4376.

President Cavalier Johnson is presented a "40 for Life" milestone donation award by Versiti's President and CEO Chris Miskel. © Jeffrey Phelps

These organizations in the 2nd District received City grants to help increase fresh food access:

- Teens Grown Greens
- Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Speed Hump Process

The City of Milwaukee is still accepting petitions to add speed humps to residential neighborhoods. Please be advised that speed humps cannot be considered for main-arterial streets. Examples include:

- N. 76th Street
- N. 60th Street
- N. 68th Street
- W. Silver Spring Drive
- W. Capitol Drive
- W. Hampton Avenue

If you want to know if your street qualifies, please contact our office at (414) 286-3787 or **aide2@milwaukee.gov**.

To have a speed hump considered for your street: Please note there is a cost associated with the construction of a speed hump. As an example, the 2020 assessment for speed hump construction is $6.50 per frontage foot of the property. If your property frontage is 40 feet wide, then your assessment for the speed hump would be $260. **Please understand this amount is just an estimate; it will depend on the size of your property frontage. This assessment can be paid in full or over multiple years.**

To begin this process, please email **aide2@milwaukee.gov** or call our office at **(414) 286-3787** to enter the request and receive a petition form. Once you have the petition, you must attempt to get signatures from 50 percent of residents on the block. We ask this to ensure residents on the block are aware of the project, hopefully are supportive, and understand its potential cost. Once the petition is complete, you can mail it or email it back to the contact information listed on the petition. The City of Milwaukee then calculates the cost and sends it to property owners, along with an index card to be mailed back to our office indicating support or opposition to the project. Alderman Johnson will make a recommendation on a speed hump project based on the response from residents on the block. If we don't hear from you, we assume you are supportive or indifferent to the project and will count you in support.

Potholes

If you have a pothole on your street, report it to the Department of Public Works for repair. You can also report by contacting our office at **aide2@milwaukee.gov** or (414) 286-3787.

To directly report a pothole or other street maintenance problems to the Department of Public Works:
Call Infrastructure Services Division–Field Operations at **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**.

We regularly check for surface problems on streets with older pavement to keep ahead of any problems. We welcome calls from citizens to report situations in their neighborhood or on their traffic routes. If you notice a pothole in a street or alley, please report it right away.

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60th Street Update

Activation of new street lights and installation of new traffic signals to be completed by the end of the summer.

Traffic Safety Unit

Reckless driving is a serious public safety and quality of life issue in our community and one of the top concerns received by my office. In order to help address safety on our streets, the Milwaukee Police department (MPD) spearheaded a new Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) in March 2021. The TSU was spearheaded with the goal of creating a safer city through the enforcement of traffic laws, education, and partnership with residents in solving reckless driving and recommending engineering solutions.

The Traffic Safety Unit includes a "Be Part of the Solution" webpage (**mpdtsu.org/be-part-of-the-solution**), which encourages community engagement with resident observations of traffic violations. By reporting dangerous driving hotspots, this data goes directly to MPD and is used to generate future deployments.

President Cavalier Johnson speaks at the Traffic Safety Unit press conference with MPD and other elected officials.

Water Works Main Replacement

The Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) will replace several water mains in the 2nd District in 2021 that provide clean, safe drinking water and reliable service and pressure. There is no special assessment or added cost to taxpayers because projects are paid for by the utility's capital improvements budget, which is funded with revenues from water rates.

On the right are 2nd District projects for this year. Start dates are not yet available, however all construction work is expected to be completed by the end of December.

Here's what to expect if a project is in front of your property. A main replacement is typically completed in 6–12 weeks.

- When a project contract is awarded, customers affected by the project receive a notice in the mail that explains what to expect and instructions for parking during construction.
- Just before construction starts, MWW inspectors go door-to-door to contact residents and businesses with the actual start date, or leave a door hanger.
- Throughout the project, MWW staff is available to answer any questions regarding the progress of the construction work.

During the course of construction, there will be periods of inactivity. This is temporary and allows time for testing and coordination of multiple projects. Upon completion of the project, MWW will work with contractors to ensure clean-up and site restoration. Unforeseen conditions may cause a delay for some projects until the 2022 construction season.

- W HAMPTON AV from N 71ST ST to N 74TH ST
- W VILLARD AV from N 60TH ST to N 68TH ST
- N 62ND ST from W STARK ST to 150 feet North of W LAWN AV
- N 63RD ST from W FAIRMOUNT AV to W VILLARD AV
- W MEDFORD AV from W SHERIDAN AV to N 83RD ST
- N 83RD ST from W SHERIDAN AV to W MEDFORD AV
- N 82ND CT from W GLEN AV to 200 feet Northwest of W GLEN AV
- N 95TH ST from N 95TH ST to W FOND DU LAC AV
- W LANGLADE ST from N 95TH ST to N DENMARK ST
- W RIO ST from N 95TH ST to N DENMARK ST
- N 89TH ST from W THURSTON AV to W CARMEN AV
- W SWAN CR from N 91ST ST to N 93RD ST / W SILVER SPRING DR
- N 92ND ST from W SWAN CR to W FLAGG AV
- N 93RD ST from W SILVER SPRING DR / W SWAN CR to W FLAGG AV
- N 94TH ST from W SILVER SPRING DR to W FLAGG AV
- W FLAGG AV from N 91ST ST to N 94TH ST

Track the progress of a project on any city street at **milwaukee.gov/water/Water-Main-Projects** or you can call (414) 286-3710.

Millennial Task Force

In November of 2019, President Johnson created the Millennial Task Force to investigate why young people are moving out of the city of Milwaukee for opportunities elsewhere. The 16-member task force was charged with assessing major reasons Millennials choose to leave or stay in Milwaukee after college, analyzing programs and policies designed to attract and retain young professionals, and make recommendations to the Common Council regarding potential legislative changes or initiatives.

A 2019 report by the city's Office of Workforce Development indicated that Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin in general, are struggling to attract and retain young and educated workers. The number of 25- to 34-year olds living in Milwaukee decreased by 1.8 percent between 2010 and 2015 while that age group increased by 3.8 percent nationwide. Additionally, between 2010 and 2014, approximately 9 percent of 25- to 29-year olds moved out of Wisconsin, exceeding the respective national out-migration rate of 7 percent. By retaining a young, educated, talented, and diverse workforce, Milwaukee can continue to add jobs and increase economic growth throughout the city.

Task force recommendations fell into six issue areas:

- Infrastructure and Transportation
- Employment and Economic Development
- Racial and Criminal Justice
- Health and Wellness
- Education
- Marketing and Storytelling

The task force presented its final recommendations to the Community and Economic Development Committee on June 3rd.

RECOMMENDATIONS and more information can be found at **milwaukee.gov/CommonCouncil/Initiatives/Millennial-Task-Force**.

Tear along the dotted line to keep for your reference.

Move Forward MKE

Move Forward MKE supports giving Milwaukee County voters the power to decide if Milwaukee County and its 19 municipalities should be allowed to generate revenue to provide property tax relief, while adequately funding public services, maintaining facilities, and investing in the future through a binding referendum process.

President Cavalier Johnson is an advocate of the Move Forward MKE lobbying effort which supports state legislation to allow Milwaukee County and its 19 municipalities, including the City of Milwaukee, the ability to pursue a binding referendum on a 1 percent county sales tax increase. A binding referendum ensures that voters have the power to decide if and how this sales tax increase is approved. Such an increase would generate approximately $160 million annually for Milwaukee County to be used for property tax relief, and to support public services and facility maintenance while improving the city's long-term financial health. President Cavalier Johnson attended the 2021 State Joint Finance Committee hearing in Rhinelander, WI to testify in support of including a sales tax option in the State of Wisconsin biennial budget.

1% SALES TAX = $160M

President Cavalier Johnson said, "Our city and region need a stable, diversified revenue structure to retain future fiscal health. We are one of the only cities of our size to rely almost solely on property taxes for revenue. Diversifying the City's revenues will ensure that our budgets aren't devastated by sudden events or economic changes, better positioning us to provide critical services, particularly during a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. This sales tax increase would also ensure those working in or visiting our city are contributing to public services."

To learn more visit
moveforwardmke.com

Contact your state legislators if you would like to advocate for local control over diversified revenue streams to provide property tax relief, and support critical services and infrastructure in Milwaukee.

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NO other **MIDWESTERN STATE** relies so heavily on the **PROPERTY TAX** to **PAY** for **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**.

SALES TAX — BLOCKED

A **1% SALES TAX** would generate **$160M** in **REVENUE** to Milwaukee County. Compared to fees and property taxes, a sales tax increase would result in the **LOWEST COST** to taxpayers.

1% SALES TAX = $160M

SHARED REVENUE — FROZEN

IF SHARED REVENUE had **INCREASED** at the **RATE OF INFLATION** since 2003, the **CITY OF MILWAUKEE** would be receiving **$111M MORE** today.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY TAXPAYERS SENT
$569M MORE
to the state in 2018 than they did in 2009.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE **POLICE** COSTS INCREASED
$115M
since 2004.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE **PUBLIC WORKS** COSTS INCREASED
$28M
since 2004.