President Hamilton welcomes Youth Innovation Center to 1st District

President Ashanti Hamilton is proud to welcome the Ma’ruf Youth Innovation Center to the 1st Aldermanic District. According to Pres. Hamilton, the location was a former hardware store and for years the only requests for the property, located at 2110 W. Hampton Ave., was for beer and liquor sales.

“The neighbors repeatedly fought against having liquor stores”, said Pres. Hamilton. “The Ma’ruf Center decided to step up, answer the community’s call for something that would benefit the neighbor youth and through their efforts this beautiful community center was born.”

The newly opened center has features ranging from martial arts and boxing to community gardening to after school programs. Member perks include access to tutoring and mentorship, youth and family counseling and creative demonstrations. The facilities include a gym, science discovery lab and video gaming stations. Membership is restricted to ages 11-18 and requires enrollment in the center’s mentorship program. More information can be found at marufcenter.com or by calling 1-888-64-MARUF.

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