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Council partners with community organizations to address lead issues

**Joint Statement from President Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II,
Alderman José G. Pérez, and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs
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Today the Common Council unanimously passed a resolution to provide long overdue assistance to areas in Milwaukee that have shown the highest levels of EBL's (Elevated Blood Lead). The legislation (file # 180343) empowers two community organizations that have experience with lead education, abatement and outreach to visit identified homes and provide education and lead control.

Realizing that lead is an ongoing issue that requires permanent mitigation, the Common Council coordinated implemented this strategic approach to focus on immediate control methods for these highly concentrated areas. This approach will include water filtration, High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) vacuuming and wet washing. Additionally, the selected community organizations will educate and connect residents with resources that are available to assist with testing for blood-lead poisoning, identify lead hazards in the home and limit or eliminate exposure to lead hazards.

The Social Development Commission and the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center were selected based on their history of working in the City of Milwaukee neighborhoods most impacted by high levels of lead. It is our collective goal and commitment to put in place aggressive strategic plans that will improve the quality of life and address the long ignored issues of lead contamination in our communities.