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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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## **Three to be honored at Tuesday's Common Council meeting**

The Common Council will recognize bus driver Irena Ivic, poet laureate Margaret Rozga, and State Rep. Kalan Haywood II at the start of the Common Council meeting **TOMORROW - Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 9 a.m. at City Hall.**

### **Irena Ivic**

- Irena Ivic is a Milwaukee County Transit System bus driver who noticed a 19-month old toddler wandering alone in freezing temperatures on the near South Side in December 2018. She quickly pulled her bus over and ran to rescue the toddler from possible serious injury or death. Ivic, along with the help of her passengers, wrapped the toddler in warm clothing and waited for emergency services to arrive. The toddler was later safely reunited with her father because of Ivic's care and quick thinking.

### **Margaret Rozga**

- Margaret Rozga, a Milwaukee native and lifelong Wisconsin resident, has been named the Wisconsin Poet Laureate 2019-2020 for her achievement in poetry. Rozga is an accomplished author and professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha, and has dedicated her life and work to fighting for civil rights, both locally and nationally. She joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 1960s and has fought for equal housing opportunities and inclusivity in her Milwaukee community. Throughout her career, Rozga has used her writing to advocate for social justice movements and reform.

### **Kalan Haywood II**

- At just 19 years old, Kalan Haywood II is the youngest state legislator, having been sworn in to office in December 2018 to represent the 16th Assembly District of Wisconsin. Haywood started his career in public service at the age of 14, serving as a member of the Milwaukee Youth Council and was later elected president of the body. While a student at Rufus King International High School, Haywood was an integral part in the development of community initiatives such as "MPS Cares" and "#NoFreeRides." Haywood plans to use his legislative platform to bring attention to the importance of voting, along with providing additional funding to public schools in his district.

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## **Common Council honors/ADD ONE**

**Tuesday's Common Council meeting will start at 9 a.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Tuesday's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the City website at [milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://milwaukee.gov/Channel25).

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