Thanks to you, Hip-Hop Week MKE is making its mark and adding value to the city

Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey
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I want to personally thank everyone who came out to experience and support the second annual Hip-Hop Week MKE, an official City of Milwaukee event that ended yesterday after a week-long run of outstanding performances, discussions and workshop sessions.

Hip-Hop Week MKE is making a positive mark and gaining momentum as the first-of-its-kind weeklong event in America focused on the power of Hip-Hop to help transform urban communities. This year’s Hip-Hop Week MKE featured a celebration of old and new school Hip-Hop culture and included “Hip-Hop Goes To The Polls,” with keynote speaker Brad “Scarface” Jordan, the first major Hip-Hop artist ever to run for public office (City Council in Houston); “Healthy Bars: A Hip-Hop Conversation On Health & Fitness” hosted by Stic Man of Dead Prez, and “A Hip-Hop Seminar On Financial Literacy & Real Estate” organized by DJ Envy, co-host of the popular morning show “The Breakfast Club.”

We also had the Hip-Hop Week MKE Job Fair, The Hip-Hop Museum Pop-Up Experience, which featured an exhibit of the world’s largest collection of Hip-Hop artifacts and memorabilia along with three nights of live music events, including a show last night starring Kevin Gates, and the Hip Hop Legacy Awards Show & Concert honoring legends including Scarface, Bun B, Mystikal, Devin The Dude, and Do Or Die, along with Milwaukee’s own Speech from Arrested Development, Coo Coo Cal and others.

I want to also thank the many partner venues who so generously opened their doors to help us showcase events: St. Joseph Hospital; The Wisconsin Black Historical Society; Gee’s Clippers; The Rave/Eagles Club; The Sherman Phoenix; The Milwaukee Public Library and The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

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We are already working to make the 2020 Hip-Hop Week MKE next August bigger and better than ever.

Thank you again Milwaukee for blessing us with your support!