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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Ald. Milele A. Coggs
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Nomination deadline extended for Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award

The Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award is bestowed annually to recognize a female city resident who exemplifies Vel R. Phillips' legacy of selfless service and trailblazing work toward improving the quality of life for residents in Milwaukee. Under an extension, nominations for the **2020 Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award** are now being accepted until the close of business on **Tuesday, March 2nd**.

“The Award Selection Committee is asking for nominations of outstanding individuals within the community who represent Vel Phillips' spirit, dedication and love of Milwaukee,” said **Alderman Milele A. Coggs**. “The deadline for nominating contenders for the Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award is coming up quick, and I encourage all who may know a strong female candidate who fits the description to nominate them for this prestigious award.”

Nominations must include a description of the nominee's work in the areas of social justice and/or civic engagement, challenges the nominee has overcome in these areas and any other examples of the nominee embodying the spirit of Vel R. Phillips.

Nominees must be female City of Milwaukee residents who are not publicly-elected officials. Applicants may nominate themselves or others. The winner will be announced during the virtual Girl's Day at City Hall program in March. For more information on how to submit a nomination and for a form, please click [here](#), or contact Joanna Polanco at (414) 286-2366 or jpolan@milwaukee.gov.

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VEL R. PHILLIPS

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

The Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award is bestowed annually recognizing female city residents who best exemplify Vel R. Phillips' legacy of selfless service and trailblazing work to improve the quality of life for residents in Milwaukee.

NOMINATION LETTER REQUIREMENTS

Write a nomination letter to include the following:

- ▶ Description of the nominee's work in the area of social justice and/or civic accomplishment
- ▶ Example(s) of instances when the nominee has been a defining force in this area
- ▶ Challenges that the nominee has overcome to work in the field of social justice and/or civic accomplishment or acted as an instrument for social justice and/or civic accomplishment
- ▶ List any related awards or recommendations that the nominee has received

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021

Submit a copy of your nomination letter (3 pages maximum) along with the completed nomination form and any supporting materials that would help the committee make its selection.



DOWNLOAD FORM HERE

milwaukee.gov/VelRPhillipsTrailblazerAward



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*Anyone can nominate themselves or others, but nominees must be city residents who are not publicly elected officials.

Any questions can be directed to Joanna Polanco either by phone at (414) 286-2366 or by email at jpolan@milwaukee.gov.