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Welcome new King Drive BID Executive Director Raynetta Hill

Statement of Alderwoman Milele A. Cogg October 21, 2021

I warmly welcome Ms. Raynetta Hill as the new executive director of the King Drive Business Improvement District #8, and I respectfully invite residents and stakeholders to do the same.

Ms. Hill succeeds longtime King Drive BID Executive Director Deshea Agee, who left earlier this year for a position in a local real estate development company. The BID serves an area along N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. from W. McKinley Ave. on the north end of downtown to W. Capitol Dr. near Interstate 43.

I am looking forward to working closely with Ms. Hill to help foster and continue the positive momentum that has been moving forward and building within the BID for the past several years. I fully expect that Ms. Hill's vast experience and knowledge will help lead the BID to new heights – and at a time when it is bustling with new developments and positive energy. And I especially look forward to her helping to not only retain existing businesses, but also attracting new businesses to draw more visitors and drive additional commerce in the district.

Prior to being selected by the King Drive BID Board for the position, Ms. Hill worked in management positions at CommonBond Communities, an affordable housing developer. Prior to working at CommonBond, she served as associate director of the King Drive BID.

Ms. Hill serves as on the board of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and community development financial institution Forward Community Investments.

Among the many developments either underway or coming to the BID are: A newly developed MLK Library; a permanent home for Niche Book Bar; a new event venue (1916 Black); a new home for the Dohmen Company Foundation; continued work at Victory Over Violence Park; the ThriveOn King development; the reopening of America's Black Holocaust Museum, and many more.

Again, please join me in welcoming Ms. Hill and in wishing her success in her new role.

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