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MEDIA ADVISORY

13th Annual Girls' Day @ City Hall set for tomorrow

The 13th annual Girls' Day @ City Hall event, which seeks to expose girls of middle school to high school age to possible careers in public service and elected office, is set to take place tomorrow – **Thursday, March 23 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** The event was created by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** and is supported by Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman JoCasta Zamarripa. The event is at capacity for attendees, but media coverage is invited.

More than 200 girls will be in attendance to participate in a day centered on public service. The day will begin with opening remarks from DeShanda Clark, Senior Vice President of Programs & Services, Pathfinders at 9 a.m. Then attendees will participate in two panel discussions. The first panel is titled “**Why I chose to run and serve in elective office.**” Panelists include: Judge Valarie Hill, Municipal Court Branch 1; School Board Member Aisha Carr, District 4; Senator LaTonya Johnson, State Senator 6th District; Alderman Tomika Vukovic, 1st District Glendale; Aycha Sawa, City of Milwaukee Comptroller; School Board Member Marcela “Xela” Garcia, 6th District; Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic, 14th District; Alderman JoCasta Zamarripa, 8th District; Jilly Gokalgandhi School Board Member 5th District; and Justice Rebecca Dallet, Wisconsin Supreme Court.

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The second panel is titled “**Why I chose a career of service.**” Panelists include: Andrea Pratt, Equal Rights Specialist at Office of Equity and Inclusion - City of Milwaukee; Stephanie Samarripa, Outreach Coordinator Department of Neighborhood Services; Sgt. Minisha Howard, Milwaukee Police Department; Charlotte Cannon-Sain, Executive Director of COA Youth & Family Centers; JohnRae Stowers, Owner & Educator; Sarah Pancheri, President of Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., (MWF); Chytania Brown, Chief Executive Officer of Employ Milwaukee Workforce Development; Keveia Guiden, Energy Burden Organizer, Citizen Action of Wisconsin; Joy Zanders, Children’s Librarian Martin Luther King Library; and Tiffany Henry, Milwaukee Office Director Office of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.

Panel moderators are Chauntel McKenzie, CEO and Principal Strategist The PowHER Network, Lea Hortman, Founder of Under My Wing, Incorporated, Lelah Huntley, State Director Center For Racial Justice, and LaShawndra Vernon, Founder, Pryme Solutions LLC.

Girls’ Day will also include a lunch program at 12:30 p.m. featuring remarks from Senator Lena C. Taylor and presentations of the Girls Day @ City Hall Scholarship and Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award. This award is presented annually to recognize a female Milwaukeean who exemplifies Vel R. Phillips’ legacy of selfless service and trailblazing work toward improving the quality of life for residents in Milwaukee.

Event sponsors include Alderwoman Coggs, Alderwoman Zamarripa, Alderwoman Dimitrijevic, the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., Summerfest, and Locust Gas and Food Mart.

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