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President Pérez to co-host roundtable with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Milwaukee Common Council President José G. Pérez will co-host a roundtable discussion at City Hall TODAY - **Wednesday (November 29)** - with **U.S. Deputy Commerce Secretary Don Graves**, with nonprofit and private sector leaders to discuss the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to support the fast-growing Latino community in Wisconsin.

The meeting at City Hall (200 E. Wells St.) will take place at 12:30 p.m. today. **RSVP to vkeys@doc.gov to receive additional information regarding arrival. Location details will be provided upon confirmation of receipt.**

President Pérez – born in Milwaukee and the son of proud Puerto Rican immigrants to the U.S. – said the roundtable with Secretary Graves will include Milwaukee community partners with strong interest in U.S. policy affecting Puerto Rico.

“I am honored to be co-hosting this historic roundtable and visit by U.S. Deputy Commerce Secretary Don Graves at City Hall and I am looking forward to the discussions, which are expected to include partnering with the Biden-Harris Administration on climate mitigation and resiliency in communities of color, expanding manufacturing and minority business development, and promoting shared economic growth,” President Pérez said.

Deputy Secretary Graves, who also serves as the Economic Growth Coordinator for Puerto Rico, was a close advisor to President Biden during the 2020 campaign. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Secretary Graves served as Counselor and Domestic and Economic Policy Director for then-Vice President Biden. He was previously appointed by President Barack Obama as Executive Director of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness and led the federal government's efforts in the economic recovery of the city of Detroit. Deputy Secretary Graves also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development, and Housing Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he oversaw the CDFI Fund, the \$4 billion Small Business Lending Fund, and the \$1.5 billion State Small Business Credit Initiative.

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