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Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
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Ald. Davis Elected President Of The African World Festival Board of Directors

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. of the 2nd Aldermanic District was elected president of the African World Festival Board of Directors last night.

“I’m honored and excited to be given this opportunity,” the alderman said of his election. “I believe that the best way to promote tolerance of diversity is events like this in which we can celebrate, share and educate others about our different and unique cultures and heritages.”

Ald. Davis, a long time board member and supporter of the festival, hopes he can help continue to find ways to draw people of all backgrounds to the festival to spread awareness and appreciation of the vibrant, rich African culture.

“As our city continues to become more and more diverse, it’s imperative that we promote understanding of our own cultural backgrounds as well as seek understanding of others,” he said.

The African World Festival is an annual celebration of African heritage and culture held at Henry Maier Festival Park each August. Its mission is to promote and share this heritage and culture with all people, celebrate the wonders and contributions of all African Americans, and educate attendees about African life and rituals.

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