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## National League Of Cities' Top Issues Mirror Milwaukee's Plans

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. announced today that the Milwaukee Common Council's initiatives mirror many of the 2008 plans presented by the National League of Cities (NLC). Ald. Davis, chair of the Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee of the NLC said, "Milwaukee is obviously moving in the right direction when our agenda matches the agenda and goals of the NLC. The issues we're addressing are those also being fielded on the national level."

The NLC's Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee has announced its top issues for 2008 include revitalization of aging commercial properties, small business development in a global market and local investments in a competitive workforce. In mid-March, the group also hosted its annual conference in Washington D.C. where Ald. Davis chaired the session "Cushioning the Fall: Federal Response to the Subprime Mortgage Crisis," addressing the fourth key issue his committee is highlighting this year: home mortgage financing and foreclosures.

"Milwaukee leads by example in the NLC by aggressively addressing each of the committee's primary issues at the local level," Ald. Davis said.

Ald. Davis, who was appointed chair of the Community and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee for 2008 in December of last year, said, "I will continue to access funding and resources through the NLC to address these issues here in Milwaukee. Our city can be a leader for this national organization."