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Ald. Joe Davis Secures National League Of Cities Board Of Directors Position

Milwaukee Common Council member Joe Davis, Sr. has been elected to serve a two-year term on the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors. Coupled with his new position on the NLC's Board of Directors, Davis will also serve the NLC as Vice Chair of the International Council, an appointment from the new president, Kathleen Novak, Mayor of Northglenn, Colorado.

"It is an honor to be elected to this position on the Board of Directors. The NLC's goal is to promote cities as centers of opportunity and leadership. There is no better example than Milwaukee," said Ald. Davis, chair of the Common Council's Community & Economic Development Committee.

Ald. Davis is the first representative from the City of Milwaukee to be elected to the NLC's board of directors and is the first in 12 years to be elected from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. LWM's Executive Director Dan Thompson said, "The League of Wisconsin of Municipalities is proud to have Ald. Davis as Wisconsin's representative on the NLC's board. His years of hard work have paid off for Milwaukee and the members of this organization appreciate his leadership within the NLC."

The NLC's Board of Directors is compiled of 40 local elected officials throughout the United States with 4 state league directors. "I have been proud to serve as Milwaukee's voice on hometown issues in the NLC and will continue to support Milwaukee and the NLC's legislative efforts in Washington, D.C.," Davis said.

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“There are many projects in Milwaukee that can serve as an example for cities across the nation as innovative approaches to local issues,” he said. Ald. Davis is looking forward to working with his colleagues on the Common Council and Mayor Tom Barrett to advance specific projects in his 2nd Aldermanic District.

Projects include a 30 acre mixed-use development, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee’s (HACM) plans to redevelop the Westlawn housing development and a solid light rail transportation public infrastructure project for job creation as platforms for the neighborhoods he represents.

Ald. Davis said these kinds of developments reflect the local government projects that President-elect Obama has declared important to his term and help position Milwaukee as an ideal place to fund such work.

“The Hope VI grant program is available to any public housing authority that has severely distressed public housing units in its inventory and the grant has been well utilized by HACM in the past for areas like Parklawn and Hillside Terrace,” Ald. Davis said. These developments received over \$34 million and \$45.6 million, respectively, in federal grant dollars through the program. “The focus of the NLC is to bring projects like Parklawn, Hillside Terrace and Westlawn into the national spotlight so that each city’s local efforts at improving affordable housing, job creation, stability to neighborhoods and public safety initiatives can serve as examples to others as part of a cooperative process to improve our nation’s cities from the ground up.”

Ald. Davis will also continue to bring Milwaukee’s efforts to the national platform through his new role as Vice Chair of the International Council of the NLC. Leaders and members of the Council are selected because of their interest and experience in areas of international commerce and trade, citizen diplomacy, sister cities, cultural and educational exchanges or international development and technical assistance. “Our Sister Cities program has done very well and we have shared and learned much about local issues through our international friendships. Now is the time, however, for us to continue to cultivate and foster such relationships and strengthen them with business and cultural exchanges that are innovative and resourceful to grow our local economy while providing relief to Milwaukee taxpayers,” Ald. Davis said.