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Inauguration Ceremony For Youth Council To Feature Mayor, Common Council President

Festivities at City Hall Monday to Include Remarks from Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. & Common Council Members

A special public inauguration ceremony for 15 teens chosen to serve on the first-ever City of Milwaukee Youth Council will be held in the grand Council Chamber on Monday morning.

Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. will deliver remarks to the Youth Council and invited guests, including family members, friends, members of the Common Council and other elected officials. **The ceremony – which will include the oath of office by the entire body – will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday (May 9, 2005) in the third floor Council Chamber, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is invited.**

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., the primary sponsor of the Common Council legislation that created the City of Milwaukee Youth Council, said the inauguration ceremony will mark “a special moment in the history of the City of Milwaukee and a lasting, positive memory for these talented young people and their families.” Ald. Davis has called the young council members “a widely diverse and talented group of Milwaukee’s brightest young people.”

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Each Youth Council member was nominated and then brought forth by a selection committee established by the Common Council and the Mayor. Each member was approved by the full Common Council on May 3 following confirmation proceedings late last month before the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council includes nine young women and six young men (see names listed below), and all are currently students at Milwaukee Public Schools high schools, private Catholic high schools, and two charter high schools. The group represents various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and includes white, African American, Latino and Hmong students. A total of 64 young people filled out and submitted applications to serve on the Youth Council.

Comprised of 15 high school students ages 18 and under, with one from each aldermanic district – the Youth Council will assess and evaluate community needs and resources to improve conditions for young people in Milwaukee and promote wholesome youth activities in the city.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council is:

- **Andrew C. Ellis** – (1st District) a student at Young/Coggs Preparatory Academy.
- **Janay D. McClain-Kelly** – (2nd District) a student at Riverside University High School.
- **Allison Schwartz** – (3rd District) a student at Rufus King High School.
- **Keturah Chesser** – (4th District) a student at Messmer High School.
- **Matthew Schotting** – (5th District) a student at Rufus King High School.
- **Joe Ron Streeter** – (6th District) a student at Bay View High School.
- **Michelle A. Jenkins** – (7th District) a student at Rufus King High School.
- **Arely N. Flores** – (8th District) a student at Hamilton High School.
- **Jade Robertson** – (9th District) a student at Dominican High School.
- **Arlee Vang** – (10th District) a student at Hamilton High School.
- **Ann Kaiser** – (11th District) a student at Pius XI High School.
- **Nayeli Jane Garcia** – (12th District) a student at Dominican High School.

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- **Matthew R. Preston** – (13th District) a student at Rufus King High School.
- **Maxwell Loos** – (14th District) a student at Marquette University High School.
- **Britell Higgins** – (15th District) a student at C.E.O. Leadership Academy.

The Youth Council will hold its first official meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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