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Youth Council Nominees To Appear Before Common Council Committee Tuesday

*Each of the 15 Nominees Will Appear Before Community & Economic Development
Committee For Questions, Information Sharing*

The 15 Milwaukee teenagers who have been nominated to serve on the first-ever City of Milwaukee Youth Council will get their first taste of bright television lights and what it's like to appear before a real governmental body at City Hall tomorrow afternoon.

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., chair of the Community & Economic Development Committee, said he anticipates the City of Milwaukee Youth Council nominees appearing before the committee at about 2:15 p.m. in room 301-B. Media coverage is invited.

Ald. Davis, the primary sponsor of the Common Council legislation that created the City of Milwaukee Youth Council, said the nominees are "a widely diverse and talented group of Milwaukee's brightest young people." The nominees were brought forth by a selection committee established by the Common Council and the Mayor, and each nominee will be officially appointed to serve on the City of Milwaukee Youth Council by the full Common Council.

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

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Members of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council will be officially appointed by the Common Council during its regular meeting on May 3, and they will be sworn in during a special inaugural ceremony at City Hall on May 9.

The council will be attached to the Office of the City Clerk and will operate through a working partnership with the Common Council and the Mayor. A seven-member advisory committee, staffed by the Office of the City Clerk and comprised of five adults and two young people, will be assisting the City of Milwaukee Youth Council in its work and helping coordinate all training for the council.

Under legislation approved by the Common Council, 10% of annual city Community Development Block Grant reprogramming dollars will be allocated to support the recommendations of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council for youth service activities and other objectives. All funding recommendations made by the City of Milwaukee Youth Council must be authorized by the Common Council, and the Common Council could reject any Youth Council decision by a majority vote.

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council nominees include nine young women and six young men, and all are currently students at Milwaukee Public Schools high schools, private Catholic high schools, and two charter high schools. The group includes individuals from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and includes white, African American, Latino and Hmong students.