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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Joint Meeting Seeks Opinions On Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance

Ald. Willie C. Wade and Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. are inviting community residents, especially young people, to speak out on the proposed anti-gang loitering ordinance which is now being considered by the Common Council.

An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at Holy Cathedral C.O.G.I.C., 2677 N. 40th St. Aldermen Wade and Davis will be joined by a representative of the Milwaukee Police Department as they discuss the ordinance, which would allow police to ticket people who loiter in what is called a “menacing” fashion in specific areas designated as ones plagued by gang activity. Media coverage is encouraged.

Alds. Wade and Davis say they’re very interested in having residents express their opinions because of differing viewpoints on the proposed ordinance. Supporters say it’s another tool to deal with groups of youth that hang out on streets and intimidate residents, while others are concerned such a law could be used to harass people based on stereotypes and racial profiling.

The anti-gang ordinance will be discussed by the Public Safety Committee at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006 in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

WHAT: ANTI-GANG LOITERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Holy Cathedral C.O.G.I.C., 2677 N. 40th St.

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