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MEDIA ADVISORY

News Conference Today On Four-Point Plan To Curb Violence

A new anti-violence initiative will be announced this afternoon during a news conference at City Hall.

Ald. Robert G. Donovan, the author of an ambitious four-point plan to cut violence in city neighborhoods, will host the news conference today at 2 p.m. in the rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Members of a steering committee that will help create a community anti-violence task force are expected to attend the news conference. Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ, Maria Monreal Cameron of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Wisconsin, Marquette law professor and former state Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske and Dr. Howard Fuller have given their OK to serve on that steering committee. Fellow Common Council members and other officials are also expected to participate in the news conference. **Media coverage is invited.**

Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, said the community anti-violence task force will attempt to identify underlying causes and triggers to deadly violence in Milwaukee and to offer up proposed solutions and strategies for the mayor and Common Council to pursue to help stem the violence.

Also, Ald. Donovan's anti-violence initiative contains three other major components, including a plan from Police Chief Nannette Hegerty to address public disorder in the city. He said that proposal will be presented by the chief during the Public Safety Committee's meeting next week Thursday (June 8). "I have pledged my full support to Chief Hegerty to help deliver the resources she'll need to make her plan successful, and I expect several other Council members will do the same," said Ald. Donovan.