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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Milwaukee Opportunities For Restoring Employment (MORE) Ordinance Ready For Committee

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton will join his colleagues tonight to announce an ordinance set to appear before the Community and Economic Development Committee on September 29, 2008. The ordinance would provide a system for bidding that offers added value to bids that come from businesses and contractors within the City of Milwaukee as a means to enhance local development and encourage job growth within the city.

Alds. Coggs, Kovac and Wade, all co-sponsors on the ordinance, will join hundreds of residents from community groups such as Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) and the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition (GJLN) at **New Hope Baptist Church, 2433 W. Roosevelt Dr.** to discuss the ordinance and celebrate its readiness for committee.

Additionally, the ordinance, if passed, will help support the regulations already in place in the city's Emerging Business Enterprise program that require certain percentages of city residents be employed as part of contracted city projects and that disadvantaged businesses be given ample opportunity to win the contract.

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MORE Ordinance/ADD ONE

Ald. Hamilton, who worked closely with the community groups supporting the ordinance, said, “It is about time we revisited the idea of community benefits on a city-wide level; the highest priority for the city of Milwaukee right now is job creation.”

Ald. Nik Kovac said, “Successful developments in this city shouldn't just reflect existing wealth, but should also create new wealth. When the city invests in a project, we have to demand a return on our investment. This ordinance encourages sustainable developments that broaden economic empowerment.”

The event begins at **6:30 p.m. tonight**, September 9, 2008 and the aforementioned Council members and community organizers will be available for questions and discussion related to the ordinance.