



CITY OF MILWAUKEE YOUTH COUNCIL

September 28, 2010

Alderman Joe Davis Sr.  
Chairman  
Community and Economic Development Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Davis and distinguished members of the committee:

It is my distinct honor to present the following individuals as nominees for the City of Milwaukee Youth Council. As a result of aggressive and strategic outreach a total of 142 applications were submitted from teens throughout the city. The following 15 nominees were chosen from a pool of 28 finalists who were interviewed in-person at City Hall by a panel of independent community volunteers.

The young people listed on the following page were carefully screened and selected to represent their respective districts. If you approve of the nominees listed we ask that you submit them for final approval by the full Common Council on October 12, 2010.

It has been an honor to serve the city of Milwaukee by coordinating this process in partnership with the City Clerk's office and the Community Development Block Grant staff. We look forward to providing on-going support to the council throughout the course of their term scheduled to commence on November 3, 2010.

Sincerely,

Reggie Moore  
Director  
Center for Youth Engagement

**District 1:** Hikeem Williams-Davis, 14

Hikeem is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Messmer High School. Hikeem wants to join the council to increase youth voice, meet new people, and give back to the community. He believes Milwaukee needs more resources for youth. He is an active member of the TAB advisory board. Youth Violence is an issue that Hikeem wants to address as a council member.

**District 2:** Marissa Steinbach, 15

Marissa is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Riverside University High School. She has a strong interest in politics and believes that young people in Milwaukee need more positive opportunities. She is a member of Pearls for Teen Girls and describes herself as creative, loyal, and trustworthy. She listed Violence is an issue she would like to address as a council member.

**District 3:** Francis Klein, 16

Francis is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Pius XI High School. Francis is active in several organizations and programs focused on music, theatre, and civic engagement. Francis was encouraged to apply for the council by his father. He describes himself as a perfectionist, artist, and personable. As a council member he would like to address environmental issues in Milwaukee.

**District 4:** Ben Scotty, 14

Ben is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Rufus King High School. He is an enthusiastic young leader committed making Milwaukee a better place. He plays soccer, violin, and is an avid reader. He wants to join the council to contribute ideas to address issues important to him and the community. He describes himself as an outgoing perfectionist.

**District 5:** Shavon Rudolph, 16

Shavon is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Rufus King High School. She is active in forensics, debate, and model UN. She applied for the council to make a difference in the community. She describes herself as creative, intelligent, smart and driven. She is committed to improving MPS and wants to work on education issues as a council member.

**District 6:** Takiya Eiland, 14

Takiya is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Community High School. She was referred to the council by her teacher. She is an active member of the NAACP Ambassadors for Peace Program. She also plays Basketball. She describes herself as nice, helpful, and shy. She is committed to addressing education issues particularly in MPS. She considers herself a strong leader and likes to help others succeed.

**District 7:** Deja Hoskin, 15

Deja is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Riverside High School. She learned about the council from her mother who encouraged her to apply. She is an active member of Student Council and basketball. She describes herself as outgoing, caring, and honest. Violence is a key issue that she would like to address as a council member. She enjoys living in Milwaukee and would like to work as a council member to increase programming for youth.

**District 8:** Shaquille Harris, 16

Shaquille is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at New School for Community Service. He is an avid basketball player and is very concerned about making Milwaukee better. He describes himself as respectful, kind, and honest. As a council member he would like to increase the number of youth outlets for young people.

**District 9: Danielle Sherrer, 15**

Danielle is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Milwaukee High School of the Arts. She is also a member of National Honor Society. She learned about the council from her father. She describes herself as driven, independent, and personable. She is very passionate about the city and would like to work on environmental issues as a council member.

**District 10: Zachary Komes, 16**

Zach is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Rufus King High School. He is co-captain of the debate team and is co-chair of the Amnesty International chapter at his school. He learned about the youth council online and decided to apply. He describes himself as outgoing, compassionate, and kind. Very concerned about poverty, crime, and education in Milwaukee.

**District 11: Kayla Schmeling, 15**

Kayla is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Milwaukee School of Languages. She is a member of National Honor Society and has performed with the Milwaukee Ballet. She speaks multiple languages and plays the piano. She was referred to the council by her high school social worker. She describes herself as outgoing, intelligent, and talented. As a council member she would like to increase young people's knowledge and involvement in the electoral process.

**District 12: Dyanmond Lewis, 15**

Dyanmond is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Joan Antida High School. Her career goal is to become a biomedical engineer. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and describes herself as intelligent, motivated, and organized. She is an active member of Pearls for Teen Girls and likes to help others. As a council member Dyanmond would like to address the issue of violence in the community.

**District 13: Juan Zavala, 15**

Juan is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Wisconsin Career Academy. He plays football and likes to hang-out with friends. Juan describes himself as respectful, reliable, and a leader. He applied to join the council to help ensure that his neighborhood would be safe for him and his mother. As a council member he would like to focus on improving public safety in his district.

**District 14: Amanda Wood, 16**

Amanda is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Pius XI High School. She is involved in church, Key Club, track, and is trained in local disaster response. She has a strong interest in economics and business. She describes herself as organized and responsible. As a council member she would like to work on education, poverty, and improve local transit.

**District 15: Shiquita Freeman, 15**

Shiquita is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Milwaukee Vincent. She plays basketball and wants to ultimately be a lawyer. She plans to attend Marquette or Duke University. She decided to join the council so that she could make a difference in Milwaukee. She describes herself as smart and friendly. As a council member she would like to focus on increasing public safety throughout the city of Milwaukee.

## Youth Council Nominee Demographics

	Total Applicants	Nominees
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	N/A	6
Female	N/A	9
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
African American	N/A	7
Asian-Pacific Islander	N/A	1
Latino	N/A	1
European American	N/A	5
Mixed Heritage	N/A	1
<b>Grade Level</b>		
07	1	
08	2	
09	27	3
10	23	4
11	34	8
12	47	
College	6	
Out of School	2	
<b>Age</b>		
12	2	
13	3	
14	23	3
15	23	7
16	35	5
17	44	
18+	12	
<b>Top Issues</b>		
Public Safety	45	6
Education	53	2
Environment	9	3
Poverty/Youth Employment	24	2
Youth Development Programming	5	1
Youth Civic Participation	6	1