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MEDIA ADVISORY

City Expected To Approve First-Ever Sister Cities International Pact With Tanzania

A first for internationalism with the African nation of Tanzania is expected to occur today (Tuesday, May 8) at City Hall when the Common Council approves a Sister City relationship with the Morogoro region of Tanzania. A **news conference** that will include a delegation from Tanzania will be held **at 2 p.m. today** in the first floor City Hall rotunda. **Media coverage is invited.**

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., chair of the City of Milwaukee's Sister Cities Committee, said the agreement was put together after a group of government and business officials from Tanzania visited Milwaukee late last year. Those officials – hosted by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce and sponsored by the Hope in Tanzania Foundation and the City of Milwaukee – networked with Milwaukee business, educational, health and government professionals and were “greatly impressed by the energy and ideas they encountered here,” Ald. Davis said. “To have been chosen as the first U.S. city to consummate a Sister Cities International agreement with a Tanzanian city or region is truly a feather in our cap, and all Milwaukeeans should be proud,” he said.

Ald. Davis said he is inviting all media to the event, as he believes that this is an important part of establishing international networks and fostering cultural awareness and understanding. “As a city and as a nation, we need to encourage the type of diplomacy that strengthens international partnerships,” Ald. Davis said.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates partnerships between U.S. and international communities. Its mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

WHAT: News Conference
WHEN: Today, May 8 at 2 p.m.
WHERE: First Floor, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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