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## Unemployment Task Force Plans Continue to Move Forward

Alderman Tony Zielinski's plan to create a task force that addresses the unemployment issues in the City of Milwaukee, specifically as they affect African American males, co-sponsored by Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, has assembled its members. Dr. Marc Levine, founding director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Center for Economic Development and Wendell Harris, first vice president of the NAACP-Milwaukee branch have both agreed to serve the task force, when created.

"Members of our community are eager to be a part of the solution," Alderman Zielinski said. "The response from community leaders has been excellent and as we move forward with this resolution, it is clear a very knowledgeable and experienced group will help shape this task force."

Other community leaders who have agreed to serve include Tim Sheehy of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Julia Taylor of the Greater Milwaukee Committee, Joe Fahey of the Institute for Wisconsin's Future, Ken Wheeler of Cross Lutheran Church and Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH), MATC economics professor Dr. Michael Rosen, Dr. Lenard Wells, a local researcher in African American unemployment, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) Human Resources Director Carl Jaskolski, Gerard Randall, senior fellow at the New American Institute, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ and Curt Harris, executive director of the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Once created, the task force plans to provide its report to the Common Council six months from its first meeting, and its implementation plan will then commence immediately. Alderman Zielinski anticipates the resolution creating the task force will come before the Common Council in June.