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News conference set for fluoridation ending proposals

Alderman Jim Bohl will hold a news conference **Tuesday (May 29)** at City Hall to discuss his resolution that seeks to end the fluoridation of Milwaukee's drinking water – and a companion resolution that would create a grant program to provide dental care services to those in Milwaukee who have either no access to dental care or simply cannot afford it.

The news conference will begin at 11 a.m. in the first floor rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

The practice of fluoridating Milwaukee's water began in 1953 prior to fluoridated toothpastes and mouthwashes being readily available to the public. Alderman Bohl's primary resolution orders "the immediate cessation and prohibition of the introduction of sodium silicofluoride or any fluoride compound into water distributed by the Milwaukee Water Works," and if approved, the measure would bring Milwaukee in line with an increasing number of cities that are ending the practice of fluoridation.

The resolution is scheduled to be heard by the Common Council's **Steering and Rules Committee** during its meeting on Thursday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. in room 301-B at City Hall.

Alderman Bohl's statement about his primary resolution to end fluoridation is attached, as are copies of both legislative files.

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Alderman Bohl said the companion dental care services proposal – file #120188 – would take the \$540,000 the Milwaukee Water Works uses to add fluoride to the city’s water, and instead use those funds to provide critical dental care to those who need it. He said Milwaukee needs a local solution to the rampant cavity problem that exists in lower income neighborhoods, where kids have more cavities despite having fluoridated water.

“My proposal would take the money that the city uses to put toxic fluoride in the water and instead put it to something useful,” he said.

Please go to Alderman Bohl’s web page – www.milwaukee.gov/district5 – to see a complete package of information on his effort to end fluoridation of Milwaukee’s water.