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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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## **New Milwaukee Safety and Civic Commission to be announced at City Hall**

During a **news event** at City Hall **tomorrow (Thursday, June 1)**, **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski** and **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton** will announce the **Safety and Civic Commission**, a key city body charged with recommending city-wide measures to improve overall safety and wellbeing.

In April the full Common Council voted to re-create the former **Safety Commission** as the **Safety and Civic Commission**, a panel that will be composed of three members appointed by the Mayor and 15 members appointed by Council members (one per aldermanic district).

**Thursday's news event will start at 9:30 a.m. in the first floor rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Alderman Witkowski, the lead sponsor of the legislation recreating the commission, said the re-creation of the Safety Commission as a new body will help include citizen input to improve the overall quality of life in the city. "The goal of the Safety and Civic Commission will be to improve the quality of life in Milwaukee by improving safety and addressing citywide problems through effective, targeted public education and public information efforts," he said.

President Hamilton said he believes the Safety and Civic Commission can be an inclusive and proactive body that works to make everyday life in Milwaukee better. "I am excited about the Commission and I strongly urge interested citizens to find out how they can serve as members. I believe the work of the Commission will be rewarding and impactful," he said.

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## **New Commission/ADD ONE**

The ordinance governing the new Commission further provides for up to 10 advisors to staff/assist it, support staff housed in the Police Department, bylaw creation power, and a highway safety coordinator appointed by the Mayor.

Issues the new Commission will deal with include traffic safety for motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, reducing the demand for drugs, raising educational achievement, raising school attendance and graduation rates, addressing parenting, and reducing littering.