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## Housing Options to be Discussed

*Ald. Coggs Hosts Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Foreclosure Information and More*

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will host a district-wide town hall meeting **Thursday, April 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at **Andrew Douglas Community Academy, 3620 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St.** Residents are encouraged to voice their concerns about the community and participate in information sharing about numerous city services, specifically the city's housing and neighborhood resources.

"The City of Milwaukee has created a number of useful housing programs to help residents prevent or navigate the foreclosure of their home and resources are available to help residents maintain their home when costly repairs are necessary," Alderwoman Coggs said. "We hope to share with residents the wide variety of options available to them, including the opportunities available that help to make home ownership possible."

The city has recently received more than \$25 million dollars of stimulus money to support its housing programs that work to acquire, rehabilitate or demolish foreclosed and blighted properties. "We are working hard to rebuild our neighborhoods and provide resources for residents to keep their homes and improve the community," Alderwoman Coggs said.

One of the city's programs, the Homeowner's Emergency Loan Program (HELP), provides emergency loan assistance to homeowners who face an immediate need like roofing or furnace repairs. Maria Prioletta of the Department of City Development will be on hand to discuss this program and many others available to residents.

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## Housing Town Hall/ADD ONE

“We want to encourage anyone who knows someone having trouble paying their mortgage or if they themselves are having trouble, that there are counselors and resources in place to help, you just have to call,” Prioletta said.

In addition to the HELP program, there are many city-owned properties available for purchase and unique loan programs and incentives in place to support neighbors who want to invest in their area. These programs can be accessed at [www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org](http://www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org) and more details and information will be made available at the town hall meeting.

“I invite all residents to join us for this discussion of the options the city provides and the opportunities and support systems in place in the 6<sup>th</sup> District,” Alderwoman Coggs said. Representatives from other city agencies like the Milwaukee Police Department, the Department of Public works and the Department of Neighborhood Services will also be on hand to share information and answer questions.

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