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Committee to Hear File on Possible Closing of USPS Facilities

At 1:30 p.m. today the Common Council's **Judiciary and Legislation Committee** will consider a resolution related to a U.S. Postal Service study that could lead to the closing of five post offices in Milwaukee.

The legislation – file # 110539 – was introduced by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** and will be heard by **the Judiciary and Legislation Committee at 1:30 p.m. in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

The resolution – co-sponsored by Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr., Alderman Willie C. Wade and Alderman Joe Davis, Sr. – urges the U.S. Postmaster General and the U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission “to maintain affordable, secure and dependable postal services in the city.”

The facilities being reviewed by the USPS for possible closure and/or consolidation are:

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - 2650 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.**
- **Hampton - 6501 W. Fond du Lac Ave.**
- **Mid City - 3421 W. Vliet St.**
- **Parklawn 3931 N. 35th St.**
- **Teutonia - 2656 N. Teutonia Ave.**

“All five of these post offices are located in Milwaukee’s predominantly African American central city, and closing them or significantly reducing postal services would cause a disparate impact on one group (African Americans) and one geographical area,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

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According to Alderwoman Coggs, if all five post offices are closed, 3,400 displaced P.O. Box users would need to transfer their service to another location. “Sadly, I believe many of those affected would simply lose their P.O. Box, negatively affecting their ability to utilize vital USPS services they depend on,” she said.

Many of the neighborhoods that would be affected by the possible post office closures have already had delivery stoppages because of crime and public safety concerns, and USPS mailboxes in many of them have been removed or relocated, according to the Alderwoman.

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