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## **President Hines seeks look at Anti-John Zones**

Today City of Milwaukee **Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.** sent a letter (**attached**) to **City Attorney Grant Langley**, asking for recommendations on how the city can establish “Anti-John Zones” to help curb prostitution.

President Hines said prostitution enforcement has too often focused on arresting prostitutes while penalties for johns have not been enough to dissuade them from patronizing prostitutes.

In the letter, President Hines states: “It is my goal to establish ‘Anti-John Zones’ in areas where the city has made strides in developing neighborhoods and commercial corridors. Specifically, I want to explore stiffer penalties that are not limited to, but could possibly include the confiscation of vehicles and increased fines. These penalties would be associated with designated ‘hot spots’ or areas with higher rates of prostitution nuisance activities.”

President Hines said new methods of fighting prostitution must be attempted for the sake of the quality of life in many city neighborhoods. “We simply cannot give up or look the other way while this epidemic is negatively impacting the economic and moral fabric of our neighborhoods and our city,” he said.