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Council approves creation of Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee

On Tuesday (**September 24**) the Common Council gave its unanimous approval to legislation creating a 12-member **Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee** to examine displacement and gentrification issues affecting city neighborhoods.

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, the primary sponsor of the legislation, said the new committee will allow residents to assist in taking a look at the “unintended consequences of ongoing major developments” taking place in the city, including downtown and in areas very close to downtown.

“Residents are seeing an increase in their (property tax) assessments and they are seeing some gentrification, and they want to weigh in on what is happening in their neighborhood,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

“The Council believes the advisory committee can help provide suggestions for policies and programs to aid in preventing displacement, and it brings a much-needed transparent public process that engages citizens and provides ample opportunity for public comment and discussion,” she said. “We wanted to make sure the public has a voice in ongoing city efforts to prevent displacement while encouraging developments in our city.”

The Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee will be composed of three Common Council members and nine citizen members. The Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee will:

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Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee/ADD ONE

1. Examine displacement occurring in local neighborhoods, including contributing factors such as rising rents and property taxes.
2. Analyze gentrification and monitor its effects.
3. Review Common Council members' proposals to combat displacement prior to formal consideration by a Common Council standing committee.
4. Develop measures for preventing and limiting displacement.
5. Hold a minimum of two community meetings per year to generate public feedback on proposed solutions.
6. Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding potential anti-displacement legislative changes needed to address the problem.

Council co-sponsors of the legislation (Council file #190670) are Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Tony Zielinski, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman Mark A. Borkowski and Alderman Nik Kovac.