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## **Aldерwoman Coggs to introduce legislation creating new health committee**

As part of the Common Council’s charter meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, April 21), **Aldерwoman Milele A. Coggs** will introduce legislation that creates a new standing committee of the Common Council that focuses solely on health related issues within the community. The Council’s Public Safety and Health Committee currently hears such issues and under the proposed legislation would continue to hear matters related to public safety.

“Public safety and health are two very different, complex matters and having both fall to one committee often does not provide either with the time and attention needed,” Aldерwoman Coggs said. “Whether it is challenges such as COVID-19, health disparities in communities of color, lead issues or any number of health concerns, these topics deserve the proper forum to be discussed. This legislation will create a new health focused committee while leaving the Public Safety Committee intact.”

As part of the proposed legislation, after one year in existence the Common Council would have the chance to review the work of the new health committee and decide if it should continue. The Council President would appoint a chair of the new committee.

The legislation will be heard during the Council’s upcoming committee cycle and would be before the full Common Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 27.

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