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## Common Council approves of ARPA funding for MLK Library development

During yesterday's meeting of the Common Council, the Council approved of using \$4.2 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the new Martin Luther King Branch Library development at W. Locust St. and N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. The file was sponsored by **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** whose district the new library will reside in.

"Over the years we have done a tremendous job of reimagining our libraries, and I cannot wait for the new Martin Luther King Library to come to the 6th District and serve the surrounding community," said Alderman Coggs. The Alderman added that the new library will be part of a mixed-use development by General Capital Group and Emem Group to develop 93 apartments and a new 17,000-square-foot MLK library. During a virtual community meeting about the development proposal last week, residents and others expressed support for the project, which will enhance a "vital community hub for the neighborhood," she said.

The co-sponsors of the MLK branch development ARPA proposal include **Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic, Alderman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Cavalier Johnson and Alderman Khalif J. Rainey.**

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