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Council approves legislation requiring ethics and harassment training for elected and appointed officials

**Statement of Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa and Alderman Michael J. Murphy
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Today the Milwaukee Common Council passed file #210372, a substitute ordinance relating to ethics and harassment training for elected officials and appointees. The new ordinance requires that each elected official and appointee is to complete ethics and harassment training provided by the City's department of employee relations or its designee within 120 days of an election or appointment.

Passing this file is an important first step in the process of ensuring that elected officials are held accountable in our city, the largest municipality in the great state of Wisconsin. But we want to assure our constituencies that this is just a first step as we continue to work toward other forms of accountability so that our elected and appointed officials are held to the same standards as all other city workers.

It is imperative that we as elected officials lead by example in terms of accountability, and today's action is one more step in that direction.