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## **Council approves authorizing City opposition to measure to allow POTUS third term**

Today the Common Council approved legislation putting the City of Milwaukee on record officially opposing federal legislation that would amend the 22nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to allow an individual to serve three terms as president. In late January, U.S. Rep. Andy Ogles, R-Tenn., introduced legislation to amend the 22nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution so the U.S. “can sustain the bold leadership our nation so desperately needs.”

**Alderman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Andrea M. Pratt, Alderman Larresa Taylor, Alderman Mark Chambers, Jr., and Alderman Sharlen P. Moore** sponsored Council **File #241576**, which directs the city’s Intergovernmental Relations Division to oppose the federal measure to allow a third POTUS term.

“From the start, we recognized this effort (to allow a third presidential term) as a divisive and inappropriate maneuver designed to pander to a small slice of Americans who support the sitting President,” the Council members said. “We think it is important for the City of Milwaukee to be on record in opposition to this wrongheaded measure, and we are grateful our colleagues agree and voted in support of (file) 241576 today.”

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## **POTUS third term legislation/ADD ONE**

The 22nd Amendment, ratified in 1951, prevents a person from serving as president for more than two terms. It was passed by Congress in 1947 in response to Franklin Delano Roosevelt winning four terms in the White House. Roosevelt died the year after he was elected to his fourth term in the 1944 presidential election.

There have been about 11,000 proposed amendments to the Constitution and only 27 have actually gone through since it was drafted in 1787, and that includes the first 10 amendments that came four years later, known as the Bill of Rights.

“A vast majority of proposed amendments die in committees and subcommittees, and that is what we sincerely hope happens to Rep. Ogles’ legislation,” the Council members said.