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Ald. Ashanti Hamilton  
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## Ald. Hamilton Commits Himself To Improving Challenged Neighborhood By Moving In

After identifying neighborhood problems and having police, building inspection, sanitation and other departments work to address them, what's next?

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, who has taken walking tours of the area around N. 39th St. and W. Lancaster Ave. with other city officials in his attempts to improve the neighborhood, says when problems return, the answer to sustaining them may be to work even closer with those trying to improve the neighborhood. And that means actually becoming a neighbor.

The alderman says he'll be moving to 5119 N. 39th St., in an area which has seen many serious and violent crimes and calls for police, and a home which he says will also serve as a satellite office. "With a consistent effort, any neighborhood can change for the better," said Ald. Hamilton. "It's only a small minority of people who cross the line and cause problems," the alderman added.

"I'm planning to work with the people of the 1st District to set up additional posts throughout the district," said Ald. Hamilton. "I want there to be a centrally located person in each neighborhood who will be a liaison between the neighbors and the city, to bring problem issues to the city, and to help me promote my Community Standards Initiative," said Ald. Hamilton.

Ald. Hamilton's Community Standards Initiative is a set of neighborhood guidelines to promote public safety efforts and reduce crime.

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### **Ald. Hamilton Moves/ADD ONE**

Ald. Hamilton has already taken his message to the neighborhoods around Rufus King and N. 19th St. and W. Hampton Ave. He is also planning additional walk-through tours of other 1st District neighborhoods in the effort to promote the standards.

The schedule:

+ The Garden Homes neighborhood.

June 9, 2006, 9:00 a.m., start at 2500 W. Capitol Drive.

+ The Custer neighborhood.

June 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m., start at the high school, 5075 N. Sherman Blvd.

+ Thurston Woods area.

July 14, 2006, 9:00 a.m. start at 5966 N. 35th St.

+ Our Lady of Good Hope neighborhood

July 27, 2006, 9:00 a.m. start at the church, 7140 N. 41st St.

The neighborhood walking tours can include representatives of the city attorney's office, community prosecution unit, police and fire departments, Department of Neighborhood Services, sanitation and members of the community.

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