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## **Assembly Committee on Urban Revitalization Announces Public Hearings**

MADISON-The Assembly Committee on Urban Revitalization will begin its important work this session by holding public hearings in order to gain firsthand insight from individuals and stakeholders invested in urban communities throughout Wisconsin.

“Our urban areas are economic engines for the state and we are fortunate that they are such fine contributors,” said Representative Bob Gannon (R-West Bend). “The goal of this committee will be to listen to the strengths and challenges each of these communities possess. As chair, I will be going into these hearings with open ears and to ask the people from these areas one simple question: What can the state do better to help you?”

The public hearings will be held over the next five months. The committee will look at the small portion of the population in urban areas that seems to have missed the boost in economic prosperity, and question whether the state is meeting its responsibilities in those neighborhoods.

“This is certainly an exciting opportunity as we take the Urban Revitalization committee throughout our state to hear the concerns directly from the people to whom we serve and to collectively come up with ideas to effectuate change and facilitate solutions to challenges residents are facing,” said Vice Chair State Representative Jason Fields (D-Milwaukee).

The cities that will be visited by the committee are:

- March 23, Green Bay
- March 24, Wausau
- April 20, Oshkosh
- May 18, Racine
- June 1, Milwaukee
- June 2, Beloit

The public hearings will run from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The committee will hear testimony from invited speakers and the general public. We will accept unlimited written testimony at the hearings and testimony sent directly to the chairman’s office.

“We will take our findings and explore ways we can utilize and improve state resources to better serve the citizens of Wisconsin,” said Rep. Gannon. “I’m looking forward to getting started on this bipartisan effort.”

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