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## **Resolution supporting creation of federal Green New Deal legislation advances to the Common Council**

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee yesterday (**Monday, May 20**) recommended for approval a resolution supporting the creation of federal Green New Deal legislation to address the effects of climate change, guarantee family-sustaining jobs with benefits, and provide high-quality health care, education and training, and safe affordable housing.

Common Council File #181902 is a non-binding resolution sponsored by **Alderman Nik Kovac** and co-sponsored by **Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Robert J. Bauman,** and **Alderman Nikiya Dodd**. The Council resolution supports U. S. House of Representatives Resolution 109, introduced to Congress by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York).

“The goals of the Green New Deal legislation are the same goals that all of us here at City Hall are working to achieve for Milwaukee,” said Ald. Kovac. “Working together with our federal partners, it is our hope that this 10-year national effort will prioritize the long-term health of our environment, will employ many of our residents, and will make our homes and industries more energy efficient.”

“The Green New Deal will help ensure excellent and affordable health care,” said Ald. Johnson. “Americans also would have a job with fair wages and benefits, plus education and training programs to build a cleaner, greener future now and for generations to follow.”

The file next goes to the full Common Council on **Wednesday, May 29** at 9:00 a.m. for a final vote. This meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the City website at [milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://milwaukee.gov/Channel25).