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## **Council approves resolution supporting creation of federal Green New Deal legislation**

The Common Council this week (**Wednesday, May 29**) approved a resolution supporting the creation of federal Green New Deal legislation, which would 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, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, and Council President Ashanti Hamilton**. The Council resolution supports U. S. House of Representatives Resolution 109, introduced to Congress by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York).

“Supporting the federal Green New Deal legislation is a win-win for all of us,” said Ald. Kovac. “Not only will the Green New Deal mean a cleaner, safer, greener natural environment, but it also addresses the challenges to our built environment, such as overhauling our transportation systems to eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and investing instead in clean, affordable and accessible public transportation.”

“Milwaukeeans and all Americans would benefit from excellent and affordable health care under the Green New Deal,” said Ald. Johnson. “Each of us could have a job with fair wages and benefits, plus education and training programs to build a better world for future generations.”

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## **Green New Deal/ADD ONE**

Alderman Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee, said the city needs to be on record as fully supporting the Green New Deal. “We need to show the leadership and foresight to commit the nation and the city to a sustainable future that can create jobs and economic growth using green energy,” he said.

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