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Resolution creating a Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee.

This resolution creates a 12-member Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee consisting of 3 Common Council members and 9 citizen members. The Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee shall:

1. Examine displacement occurring in local neighborhoods, including contributing factors such as rising rents and property taxes.
2. Analyze gentrification and monitor its effects.
3. Review Common Council members' proposals to combat displacement prior to formal consideration by a Common Council standing committee.
4. Develop measures for preventing and limiting displacement.
5. Hold a minimum of 2 community meetings per year to generate public feedback on proposed solutions.
6. Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding potential anti-displacement legislative changes needed to address the problem.

Whereas, In February 2018, the Department of City Development issued a report entitled the "Anti-Displacement Plan for Neighborhoods Surrounding Downtown Milwaukee," which indicated that displacement of low-income residents may be occurring within certain neighborhood census tracts, especially those directly north and south of Downtown. Specifically, the report highlights that:

1. Between 2000 and 2016, the percentage of minorities in Milwaukee increased by 8.9% while the distribution of this increase throughout the city has been uneven.
2. There have been only modest median household income increases citywide, but neighborhood data in specific areas show sharp increases in this metric, suggesting that higher-income people are moving into certain neighborhoods.
3. Neighborhoods with housing values that are increasing faster than the city median suggest these neighborhoods experience higher demand as more high-income people seek to move in.

4. Between 2000 and 2016, the overall poverty rate in Milwaukee increased significantly while some neighborhoods in the city actually experienced lower poverty rates, suggesting that low-income households have moved out of those neighborhoods.

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Whereas, According to the Anti-Displacement Plan, Census Tracts 1858 and 1859, which are located in Aldermanic District 15; and Census Tract 107, which is located in Aldermanic District 6, experienced a rise in the median residential assessed value that is at least 100% higher than the city's average rise between 2000 and 2017; and

Whereas, Census Tracts 165 and 166, which are located in Aldermanic District 12, experienced a significant decrease in the number of low-income households between 2000 and 2016; and

Whereas, Following the release of the Anti-Displacement Plan, in July 2019, the Common Council adopted File Number 190401, a resolution creating an Anti-Displacement Neighborhood Preference Policy to help low-income residents remain in the neighborhoods they reside in while the neighborhoods experience gentrification; and

Whereas, The Anti-Displacement Neighborhood Preference Policy uses tax increment financing and other City resources to help create new affordable and mixed-income housing and offer assistance to residents at risk of displacement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee, consisting of the following 12 members, is created:

1. 3 Common Council members representing the 6th, 12th, and 15th aldermanic districts.
2. 9 citizen members, with 3 members each from the 6th, 12th, and 15th aldermanic districts, appointed by their respective local Common Council members.

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Further Resolved, That the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee shall be tasked with the following duties:

1. Examine displacement occurring in local neighborhoods, including contributing factors such as rising rents and property taxes.
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Further Resolved, That members of the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee shall select the chair of the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee shall be staffed by the City Clerk's Office; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 6 months of adoption of this resolution.

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