

Aldermanic Council passes Tax Resolutions
Discusses Education Housing, Corruption
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The Aldermanic Council of Chicago discussed taxing and funding toward wards and different programs, addressing corruption and racial disparities all the while. The council passed two resolutions addressing education, housing, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in an effort to achieve unity.

“These two papers will provide a comprehensive solution,” Alderman Ray Lopez said. “Giving those who have been marginalized greater opportunities to succeed and prosper and creating an even playing field economically.”

The council received a visit from a mother and veteran within one of the lower-income wards to discuss the TIF and its impacts.

“The TIF and taxes have not been spent properly,” the mother said. “They are being wasted on big business and corporations. And it has left us without funding in our community, from the small businesses to our schools, we are left alone while the corporations are supported and rewarded.”

The resolutions were passed to work to decrease corruption within the council. Yet, Alderman Ed Burke was charged for corruption, and right before lunch his trial was moved to tomorrow, Feb. 2.

The two resolutions, “For the People by the People” and “For the Many Not the Few”, focused on education and housing and the crackdown on big business respectively. “For the People by the People” discussed education reform, modernizing and increasing funding for minorities and using TIF for housing. While, the “For the Many Not the Few” paper focused on the crackdown of big business and corporations, increasing the taxes of the corporations while minimizing the tax hikes for the average citizen.

“Both of these resolutions being passed allows for the two sides of the issue to be addressed - social reform and taxes,” Alderman Austin said. “The focus on each of these in the separate papers allows them to have greater depth. The depth leads to actually helping people and creating communities that allow for success.”