

Motions on Notice Dublin City Council Meeting 6th January 2025

- 1) Councillor Anthony Connaghan** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That the Council recognises the efforts of Dublin City Council staff over the past few years and calls for a plan to recruit an appreciable number of new staff, especially in outdoor operational areas with a view to further improving the City and its environs and we call on the Chief Executive to give a report on this plan at the March 2025 Council meeting.
- 2) Councillor Feljin Jose** **Submitted: 18th June 2024**
That this Council will urgently pursue all unpaid derelict sites levy owed to the Council by the owners of the relevant properties.
- 3) Councillor Carolyn Moore** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
This council agrees to establish a pilot programme for education and activities in nature, providing opportunities for children, particularly in areas of disadvantage, to experience the health and wellbeing benefits of access to nature and to get to know, understand and value the nature in our city through exploration of key habitats and education on key species.
- 4) Councillor Deirdre Heney** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That the Chief Executive please give a detailed report on proposed works/works in progress on Phase 2 of the Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme to include the section under Howth Road at Glaslyn Apartments/Hollybrook Road and collected works at the Clontarf Promenade to include time line for completion and also provide as promised, a sketch clearly demonstrating the works that will explain the positive changes works to day provide for residents and the benefits the proposed works will provide.
- 5) Councillor Punam Rane** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That the Chief Executive installs outlets for charging electric cars, particularly in areas where residents cannot install them themselves. The growing need for eco-friendly charging stations makes this initiative essential for promoting environmental sustainability.
- 6) Councillor Vincent Jackson** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That in view of the serious problems some of our tenants encounter with the shocking behaviour of a very small minority that Dublin City Council seeks to put in place rear estate management sanctions which will ensure that the few don't prevail in our communities all too often we can see a neighbourhood destroyed because of a lack of supervision of minors, etc.
- 7) Councillor Donna Cooney** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That this City Council supports the construction of two secondary schools on their lands on Alfie Byrne Road just before Clasac centre, a Gaelcholáisté and an Educate Together. The lands where zoned Z15 for institutional use in the City Development plan with a view to these needs in the community.
- 8) Council Jen Cummins** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That this Council recognises the right of its citizen's to recreation and leisure facilities in their community that are inclusive and safe. Council calls for an audit of recreation and leisure facilities in the South West Inner City. With a view, pending the audit outcome, that locations for such facilities are identified, and that a plan and process is put in place for their development.
- 9) Councillor Micheal MacDonncha** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
Aithníonn Comhairle na Cathrach

 - Gur cuspóir i mBunreacht na hÉireann é athaontú na hÉireann

- Go bhfuil plé Náisiúnta ag fás faoi athrú bunreachtúil le daoine ó chúlraí éagsúla ag fiosrú faoi féidearachtaí na hAontachta

Tugann an Comhairle faoi deara go dtugann Comhaontú Aoine an Chéasta bealach daonlathach chun an tír a aontú, trí na reifrinn.

Mar sin glaonn an Comhairle seo ar an Rialtas chun

- Comhthionól Saoránach ar Aontú na hÉireann a bhunú, chomh maith le Coiste Oireachtais
- Plean do Aontú na hÉireann a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú i gcomhar le sochaí sibhialta, agus le príomh geallchoimeádaithe, na húdaráis áitiúla san áireamh
- Dáta do reifreann mar atá leagtha síos i gComhaontú Aoine an Chéasta a fháil trí obair ar a shon.

Dublin City Council recognises that

- The reunification of Ireland is an objective of Bunreacht na hÉireann.
- There is a growing national discussion around constitutional change with people from diverse backgrounds now exploring the possibility of Irish unity.

This Council further notes that

- The Good Friday Agreement provides the democratic means to achieve reunification, through the unity referendums.

Therefore this Council calls on the Irish Government to plan and prepare for Irish unity through the following actions:

- Establish an all-island Citizens' Assembly and a Joint Oireachtas Committee on Irish Unity
- Produce and publish a plan towards Irish unity in conjunction with civic society and key stakeholders, including local government
- Work to secure a date for the referendums on unity provided for in the Good Friday Agreement.

10) Councillor Kourtney Kenny

Submitted: 19th June 2024

Replaced: 17th December 2024

This Council will remove the name Herzog Park, located in Rathgar, Dublin 6 and permanently rename the park to Hind Rajab Park and the pitch to Bakr Family Football Pitch.

The park is currently named after Chaim Herzog, whose father is Irish and served as Israeli President from 1983-1993. His son, Isaac Herzog, is the current President of Israel and, in December 2023, was photographed signing artillery shells before they were fired into civilian populations in Gaza.

The Herzog family has been complicit in the oppression, displacement, murder, and genocide inflicted on the Palestinian people since before the 1948 Nakba to the present genocide in Gaza.

Hind Rajab is the name chosen to commemorate a 5-year-old girl, Hind, killed by the Israeli Occupying Forces (IOF) on January 29th, 2024, along with 6 of her relatives. While Hind was waiting for emergency aid, stranded in a car, and surrounded by her deceased relatives, the IOF fired 355 bullets into the car. She is one of more than 15,000 children who have been killed in Gaza by Israel since October.

Bakr Family Football Pitch is to remember the four young Bakr boys who, in 2014, were targeted and killed by the IOF as they played football on the beach in Gaza. This year, 2024, marks their 10th anniversary.

Retroactive removal of the name 'Herzog' for violating the following naming criteria as outlined in DCC's [commemorative naming policy](#) document:

Proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth whichever is earlier.

The park was renamed in 1995, the year of the tri-millennium of Jerusalem, in honour of Chaim Herzog. Chaim Herzog did not die until 1997 meaning the park was named after a living person.

The person/s must have been born in or lived in Dublin or have had strong and/or enduring connections with the city.

While Herzog grew up in Dublin, a visit from his son, Isaac Herzog, to the park in 2018 does not constitute strong and/or enduring connections with the city.

The person/s must have made a unique and outstanding contribution to the life or history of Dublin through outstanding achievement, distinctive service, or significant community contribution.

Chaim Herzog played a role in suppressing the Palestinian Revolution and served in the IOF after the Nakba where he rose to the rank of Major-General. He was the president of Israel from 1983-1993. While serving as Israel's ambassador to the UN in 1975, he tore up a resolution that equated Zionism with racism. His son, Isaac Herzog, is the current President of Israel and has continuously sanctioned the ongoing genocide in Gaza. In December 2023 he was photographed signing artillery shells before they were fired into civilian populations in Gaza.

Acknowledging the naming of the Park predates Council policy change, we feel strongly that these legacies of Chaim Herzog and family should not be associated with a public park in Dublin and in no way contribute to the community or history of Dublin.

The renaming to Hind Rajab - now an internationally recognised name - honours the little girl and symbolises the many thousands of Palestinian children who have been massacred by Israel; sends a message of solidarity to Palestine; and it challenges and strongly rejects Zionism within Ireland, long espoused by the Herzogs.

By renaming the Park to Herzog Park, DCC have thereby set a new precedent that living nominees or nominees that fall outside the 20-year rule should be considered.

Hind Rajab Park fits the additional criteria of importance, standing the test of time as a symbol for all Dubliners, especially those in Dublin 6, that children are not targets for occupying forces.

We, pledge to:

1. Remove the name Herzog Park, located in Rathgar, Dublin 6 and permanently rename the park to Hind Rajab Park and the pitch to Bakr Family Football Pitch.
2. Meeting with Irish Sport for Palestine and the 1815FC on 2nd December 2024 to discuss our motion and steps to progress it.

11) Councillor Cian Farrell

Submitted: 19th June 2024
Replaced: 23rd October 2024

To allow Dublin City council to publicly auction vacant and derelict sites where there is no clear path for public housing to be built.

12) Councillor Daniel Ennis

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That the City Council put in place and agree to create a consultancy group that will actively engage with local sports clubs and community groups in relation to the roll out of, the first ever,

DCC Sports Plan 2024-2029 and as part of that Sports Plan open up correspondence with clubs to deliver a full size, 11 aside football pitch in Dublin 1.

13) Councillor Nial Ring

Submitted: 1st August 2024

That the members agree to the reinstatement of the monthly/weekly report to local councillors informing them of housing allocations in their area which should include information on address, tenant, list from which taken and list position.

14) Councillor Gavin Pepper

Submitted: 13th August 2024

Replaced: 23rd October 2024

That random drug and alcohol tests be carried out on all City Councillors prior to Council Meetings & that this Council recommends same for all Houses of the Oireachtas.

15) Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

Submitted: 21st August 2024

To review long term leasing tenancies within Dublin City Council to see what community resources are idle within the residential blocks.

16) Councillor Gayle Ralph

Submitted: 21st August 2024

Replaced: 17th December 2024

This motion calls on Dublin City Council to organise a special event to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell, after whom O'Connell Street in the city centre is named after. This event should be a fitting tribute to his legacy of inclusion and should tie in with the ongoing developments and initiatives stemming from The Report of the Dublin City Taskforce.

17) Councillor Conor Reddy

Submitted: 21st August 2024

This council regrettably notes that the numbers of families and individuals in homeless accommodation continues to rise each month (1496 families and 10396 individuals were homeless in the Dublin Region at the end of June 2024) and that the government is failing to reach its own targets for new social and affordable homes.

We therefore condemn the recent guidance note to councils from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DoHLGH) limiting the numbers of homes that can be bought under Tenant in Situ and other programmes.

We call on the Minister to immediately rescind the recent guidance note and to ensure that all councils have the necessary funds and powers to purchase any and all homes to prevent evictions and to increase their stock of social and affordable homes.

Furthermore, we call on the Department to:

- Increase their supply of social and affordable homes so that social and cost rental housing accounts for a minimum of 20% of the total housing stock per the Housing Commission Report.
- Reinststate a moratorium on evictions to stem the tide of private renters into homelessness.
- Direct local authorities to prioritise households in emergency accommodation for intensive case management to facilitate exits out of homelessness – this should include increased resourcing for case managers, local authority social work sections and appropriate support services.
- Direct local authorities to establish new allocation procedures to give fairer access to housing for those in long term homelessness – including schemes like Housing First.
- Draft legislation requiring local authorities to regard the best interests of children when responding to families presenting as homeless.

18) Councillor Dermot Lacey

Submitted: 5th September 2024

That this council commits to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this council's discussion and debates.

This council is aware of the harmful impact that misinformation has on marginalised communities, including but not limited to those protected under the Equal Status Acts, namely on the grounds of gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion and membership of the Traveller community.

In making this commitment, this council affirms its obligation as a Local Authority, as per Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, to have regard to the need to:

- a) eliminate discrimination,
- b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and
- c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

19) Councillor Rory Hogan

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20) Councillor Fiona Connelly

Submitted: 20th September 2024

Airbnb presents as an issue that is compounding the housing crisis in our city. Other European cities have moved to increase restrictions on Airbnb operating in their cities. I call on DCC to identify what can be done to limit the use of Airbnb in Dublin City and further call that this committee agree to support limiting the prevalence of Airbnb in Dublin so that people have more opportunities to secure a rental agreements under fair terms. I call on Dublin City Council to allocate the necessary resources and funds to strengthen the governance of short term rentals such as Airbnb in our city.

21) Councillor Supriya Singh

Submitted: 23rd September 2024

This Dublin City Council recognises the significant residential growth and evolving needs of the Belmayne and Clongriffin communities. While these areas have seen substantial development in recent years, this expansion has not been matched by the necessary community infrastructure. With thousands of additional housing units still underway, there is an urgent need to address the shortfall of well-serviced community hubs, parks, schools, and sports facilities.

This Council calls on Dublin City Council to urgently prioritize the development of a large-scale, fully-funded community hub and sports centre on available land in the Belmayne Clongriffin area. These facilities are crucial to fostering vibrant, dynamic communities and maintaining a high quality of life for both current and future residents.

Despite the area's great potential, the absence of essential infrastructure to support its growing population risks turning it into an unbalanced urban landscape. Therefore, I call for immediate action to prioritize the development of community-supportive infrastructure.

22) Councillor Keith Connolly

Submitted: 23rd October 2024

That Dublin City Council will employ community wardens similar to Cork City Council who will have dual role for parking enforcement, litter and dog fouling.