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One alderman wants the budget changed

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The public gets its say on the city budget and the 25 percent tax-hike attached to it at a forum this Saturday.

But at least one alderman is hoping to stop the budget in its tracks.

Ward 13's Diane Colley Urquhart will introduce a motion Monday with a few others on council.....to ditch the three year budget process and send the 2009 numbers back to administrators.

She says we don't need a 3 year budget cycle in this time of economic turmoil.

Colley Urquhart asks how can we set tax rates for 2 or 3 years down the line if we have no clue what the economic situation will be like then.

She also believes a tax hike of nearly 10 percent at this time doesn't work.

Colley Urquhart alone has received over 500 complaint e-mails regarding the budget and she says that should send a message to others in council.

She adds there are already 5 others who are supporting this move and she's optimistic she'll have the 8 aldermen on her side to push this through.

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