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CLEVELAND, Ohio- Cleveland Ward 10 Councilman Eugene Miller (pictured) was arrested on suspension of driving under the influence at 1 am Sunday morning and pleaded not guilty Monday morning in Cleveland Municipal Court.

Miller is one of nine Blacks on the 19-member all Democratic city council. He is a close ally to council president Martin Sweeney and is the second currently sitting council member to draw a DUI charge behind Ward 2 Councilman Zack Reed, who pleaded guilty twice to DUI, served jail time, and says he is now clean.

Cleveland is a majority Black major metropolitan city of some 400,000 people. Miller faces reelection in 2013 as the council seats and position of city mayor are up for grabs with Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson already announcing that he will seek a third term.

Also next year city council will be reduced from 19 to 17 seats pursuant to a charter amendment adopted by Cleveland voters.

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