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Saying Bye – to Sydney Hih

**Statement from Alderwoman Milele A. Cogg
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With today's vote by the Common Council to not reconsider the vote we took earlier this month to lift the interim historic designation for Sydney Hih, I am hopeful that we can move forward to entertain possible new development projects at and near that location.

Sidney Hih will always have a special place in my heart, as I frequented Betty's Bead Bank -- a store once housed there -- as a child. Given the reality of the building's condition and the enormous expense likely attached to any restoration, the Council made the appropriate decision today, and the Council's action now means demolition is imminent. But we must also remember that history does not exist only within a structure's four walls; going forward we can continue to pay homage to the rich and eclectic history of Sydney Hih.

As I have said, it is truly an honor and a privilege to represent the 6th District and all of its unique blocks and spaces, including the Park East corridor property where Sydney Hih is located. I am looking forward now to seeing what projects the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County can attract for that parcel and for the entire corridor.

I am hopeful that projects coming forward for the corridor will bring jobs and stability to my district and to the city as a whole.

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