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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Debra Usinger to be posthumously recognized for her dedication and contributions to Milwaukee

**Debra Usinger**, a passionate supporter of Milwaukee's downtown who dedicated her time and talents to numerous groups, will be posthumously recognized by the Common Council's **Community and Economic Development Committee** when it meets at **9 a.m. Monday, July 16** at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. **Mayor Tom Barrett** will also participate in the presentation.

Ms. Usinger, the great-granddaughter of the founder of Usinger's Famous Sausage, passed away on July 1 after a brief bout with cancer. She was 58.

**Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**, chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, said members of Ms. Usinger's family are expected to be present for Monday's presentation. "Debra Usinger was a leader who worked hard to serve the community and to make our downtown a vibrant destination and an excellent place to do business," Alderman Davis said. "Her work for Milwaukee made a difference and it is fitting that we respect her memory by honoring her in a public manner."

Ms. Usinger, a vice president at Usinger's Famous Sausage, served a wide array of groups, including the Milwaukee County Historical Society, Kiwanis Club of Greater Milwaukee, Better Business Bureau, Westtown Association, Milwaukee RiverWalk District, Old World Third Street Association, Private Industry Council of Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee Holiday Tree Commission and the Pabst Mansion board.

**What: Debra Usinger honor at committee meeting**

**When: 9:00 a.m. Monday (July 16)**

**Where: Room 301-B at City Hall**

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