
Common Council President



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Eric Von: A smooth voice, a good man

Statement from Common Council President Hamilton September 9, 2016

It is with great surprise and sadness that I learned of the sudden passing of Eric Von. My prayers of condolences go to his family and friends.

I can easily hear Eric's smooth voice in my head. His voice was one of Milwaukee's most recognizable, reporting on news and politics, telling stories, and speaking to us as if he was just across the dining room table. His work in our city was important, including – for many years – broadcasting and covering the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, and recently with the Precious Lives project, a radio series about gun violence and young people in Milwaukee.

Eric helped to found the FEAT (Flood Emergency Assistance Team), which also included Danna Rhinehart, Annette Polly Williams, and Wallace White. He was instrumental in assisting when we had the devastating flooding in the 1st District in 2010.

Community affairs always mattered to Eric, and he used his radio show to keep the community informed of our progress and meetings, and so much more.

I will miss that steady and smooth voice; but even more so, I will miss Eric.

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