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## **Milwaukee loses an old-school entertainment icon**

### **Statement of Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton April 25, 2017**

I found out today that Milwaukee has lost an iconic nightclub owner and music promoter with the passing of Arlis Jones, and I offer my sincere condolences to his friends, his family and the extended family that worked as staff members at his many establishments over the years.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Jones operated entertainment venues throughout the city, presenting and promoting legendary names in jazz, blues and R&B. He worked tirelessly to keep Milwaukee vibrant as a scene for African American arts and culture, and his passion for his work was exceeded only by his professionalism.

One of his clubs, ARJ's on Villard, was located in my district, and it was a true asset for the neighborhood. Mr. Jones prided himself on his stellar record as a top-notch businessman, and it was always a pleasure to work with him.

Our city was richer for having Arlis Jones in it, and his passing is a loss for all of us.

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