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Layoffs hit Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

Statement of Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa July 17, 2020

It is a devastating gut punch to learn of today's permanent layoffs of workers at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in the 8th District. The Potawatomi facilities on Canal Street that are used to attracting thousands of visitors a day during normal times have been decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and today is a sad day

As a Council member and a Wisconsin State Representative, I have represented untold numbers of Potawatomi workers, and they are my friends and neighbors. I am hurting because of what has happened to their livelihoods, but I also pledge to help them in their time of need. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at either my aldermanic office, jocasta.zamarripa@milwaukee.gov, 414-286-3533 or my legislative office at rep.zama@legis.wi.gov, 608-267-7669.

Most importantly, I urge affected Potawatomi Hotel & Casino workers to access the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development immediately to apply for unemployment insurance. To apply, please log onto my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov. Again, reach out to me, if you have difficulty accessing your unemployment benefits, etc.

I ask the community to join me in lifting up and supporting affected Potawatomi workers during this difficult time.

If we band together and support each other, I believe we will be able to successfully get through this crisis together.

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