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## Joint Statement on the Passing of Ms. Maria Monreal-Cameron

**From members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman Scott Spiker, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**

Cesar Chavez once said, “We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.”

Maria Monreal-Cameron lived a life as true to this sentiment as any we have known. Her passing is an irreplaceable loss to the community she served and the city she loved.

She was a giant in Milwaukee’s Latino community, leading the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for 24 years, and never forgetting her first mission which was to make sure that those for whom she spoke had a seat at the table and a voice in the larger community. And she did all this with a warmth, basic decency, and deep compassion that made many think of her as another mother.

Her memory will long be a blessing and her good works will live well past her lifetime. Our hearts go out to her children and grandchildren.