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Dear Alders,

I am writing to you in enthusiastic support of Item 101 on the agenda for the Common Council meeting tonight. Restorative Justice is a powerful practice that has incredibly positive, transformative, and healing impacts for youth – Black and Brown youth specifically – as well as the entire community.

Restorative Justice helps build community in schools so that youth feel a sense of connection, trust, respect, care, growth, and empowerment. It's a space that honors everyone's voice and engages people in deep listening. It gives young people tools for conflict resolution, and it goes even further to address systemic harms. We are living in a critical moment to address the ways that systems in our city and in the country have dehumanized, terrorized, and caused harm against Black and Brown people. Restorative Justice is a major part of the path forward towards reconciliation, healing, and repair. I care deeply about anti-racism and investing in community formations that uplift Black youth voices and fully embrace the resounding truth that their lives matter.

Please support the expansion of Restorative Justice, for Black and Brown youth and for all people in the city. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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