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Dear Alderwoman Moore,

My name is Joshua Taylor. I am an ordained minister in this city and a proud son of this community. I write to express my unequivocal and resolute support for Mayor Cavalier Johnson's nomination of Karin Tyler to serve as the next Director of the Department of Community Wellness and Safety.

This is not a ceremonial appointment. It is a consequential one.

The Department of Community Wellness and Safety sits at the intersection of prevention, intervention, and restoration. It demands visionary stewardship, moral clarity, administrative competence, and an unwavering commitment to the dignity of every resident. Karin Tyler embodies those qualities.

She has not engaged in performative leadership, but rather substantive, measurable, community centered work. Through strategic coalition building, intentional stakeholder engagement, and principled advocacy, she has demonstrated an acute understanding of both the systemic challenges we face and the innovative frameworks required to address them.

Our city does not merely need management; it needs transformational leadership.

There are leaders who are cultivated through training, and then there are those who possess an intrinsic capacity to galvanize, unify, and inspire collective action. Karin Tyler is undeniably a born leader. Her leadership is not reactionary; it is anticipatory. It is not transactional; it is relational. She does not simply administer policy; she animates purpose.

True community wellness is not defined by crisis response alone. It is defined by the intentional construction of preventative infrastructures, restorative strategies, and sustainable partnerships that mitigate harm before it manifests. Karin Tyler understands this distinction. She recognizes that safety is not solely the absence of violence, but the presence of opportunity, stability, trust, and hope.

What distinguishes her most is her equilibrium, the rare ability to balance compassion with accountability, vision with pragmatism, and urgency with thoughtfulness. She bridges policy and people with authenticity. She listens with intentionality and leads with integrity.

At this pivotal juncture in our city's trajectory, we require leadership that is both intellectually rigorous and deeply humane, leadership that is bold enough to innovate, yet grounded enough to collaborate. Leadership that is principled, steady, and unafraid of complexity.

Karin Tyler is that leader.

Therefore, I respectfully and emphatically urge you to support and confirm her nomination. I am confident that under her stewardship, the Department of Community Wellness and Safety will not merely function, it will flourish, evolve, and advance the well being of every neighborhood in our city.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor