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Dear neighbors,

Richmond is the city we call home, and we all deserve to feel healthy, happy and safe here. As a City Council member, I will support policies to achieve this end, addressing the needs of those among us who are hurting, while recognizing that each of us has something to contribute to benefit of our community as a whole.

You, the residents of Richmond, are an amazing group of people with a rich diversity of backgrounds, skills and ideas. I have had the privilege of getting to know many of you in recent years, and you have taught me a great deal. Some of you have shared with me your pain and frustrations, as well as your insights and ideas for solutions. For this I am deeply grateful.

I look forward to meeting more of you during the course of my campaign. As you get to know me, you'll see that I have the values, experience and commitment to continue moving Richmond in a positive direction. I value people over profits and accept no corporate donations because I am accountable only to you, the voters. My experience as a Community Advocate in the Mayor's office has given me the skills and knowledge I'll need to be an effective City Council member. Since moving to Richmond ten years ago, I have participated in numerous volunteer activities promoting environmental, racial and economic justice, as an expression of my commitment to working with you to make Richmond a healthier city for us all.

I ask you to elect me to the Richmond City Council so that together we can continue to implement Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of the Beloved Community, where all people can share in the wealth of the earth; where love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred; and where racism and all forms of discrimination will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.

In solidarity,

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