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**Civilian Oversight Board Member Mr. Keith Rose**

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Dear Acting Chairman Novak,

We, the undersigned Alderpersons also serving on the Public Safety Committee, would like to express our support for the fundamental due process rights of all people.

Mr. Keith Rose is a valued member of the activist community in St. Louis. He was appointed by the mayor to the City of St. Louis Civilian Oversight Board ("COB") and approved by the Board of Aldermen, in part, because we acknowledge that the COB works better when it has a spectrum of experiences regarding policing in our communities.

We appreciate that Mr. Rose has voluntarily recused himself from any decision-making responsibilities related to his role on the COB while his case is pending. We agree with his decision.

We also believe that Mr. Rose deserves his day in court and, as a legislative body, we should refrain from making reactive decisions in this matter outside the court of law. Per ordinance number 71749, the Civilian Oversight Board shall take a vote to remove a member and send that recommendation to the Public Safety Committee. At this time, to ask for his resignation is premature, and we ask that any consideration for such a vote be held until court proceedings conclude.

In Solidarity,

**Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**  
Fourteenth Ward  
City of St. Louis

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Seventh Ward  
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