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Subject: Request for letter of Support to Reopen the Reparations Harm Study RFP and Establish a Community-Driven Selection Process

As president of the African American Leadership Council (AALC), I am writing this letter representing eighty (80) African American leaders in the City of Saint Paul that includes three former members of the Saint Paul City Council in Debbie Montgomery, Ward 1, Nick Khaliq, Ward 1 and William "Corky" Finney, Ward 7 thus the AALC has a clear understanding of public policy and the current selection process for the Reparations Harm Study RFP is not good public policy and is not in the best interest of the African American community.

As president of the AALC, I am reaching out to you to each of you to urge you to create a "**community-driven selection process**" that allows members of the African American community to be directly involved in the selection process. The selection process must include a representative from the AALC, Saint Paul Black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Saint Paul Branch of the NAACP for identifying the research team. I urge the Saint Paul Council to vote yes in favor of this resolution to ensure transparency, accountability, and alignment with the original intent of the Reparations Commission, but what is the intent of reparations which simply means repair harm to African American people in the City of Saint Paul.

In closing, the Reparations Harm Study should be led by African American people most impacted — not the same institutions responsible for the harm. I urge the Council to vote yes on Agenda Item 15 at the November 5th meeting and support a truly community-led process for reparative justice in the City of Saint Paul.

Should clarification, additional information or meeting be desired, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at tt830@comcast.net or call me at 651-470-0266.

Peace and Blessings,

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