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I am writing this letter in support of the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation's partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Police Department, through the **Cops & Kids Initiative**. This partnership provides students, from diverse communities, opportunities to engage in fun, rewarding, and safe out-of-school-time chess programs.

During the past 10 years, Renaissance Knights has been highly successful in fulfilling its mission of bringing the many educational benefits of chess to our community residents by providing youth chess enrichment programs, tournaments and special events to thousands of children each year. This new initiative uses chess as a vehicle to promote non-violence and creates positive engagement between the Chicago Police Department and youth from diverse communities throughout the city of Chicago.

By hosting a Cops & Kids Chess Tournament and having police officers regularly participate in the after-school chess programs, the partnership increases positive relations between youth and police officers. Through the combined efforts of Renaissance Knights, Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Police Department, children are developing the fundamental skills necessary to succeed both socially and academically, while helping to reduce youth violence by keeping kids out of gangs and in school.

As Alderman, there is nothing more important to me than the education and safety of our children, and the need to provide them with high-quality, extended academic learning programs. Therefore, I enthusiastically give the Renaissance Knights and their Cops & Kids initiative my fullest support. Let's make every move count in the education of our youth.

Sincerely,

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Alderman, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward