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Mayor and members of Council,  
Toronto City Council,  
City Hall, Toronto.

**Subject: Notice of Motion by councilors Walker and Jenkins regarding tasers**

Toronto Police Accountability Coalition wishes to advise Council that it supports the motion on tasers by Councillors Walker and Jenkins scheduled to be before the Council meeting beginning on April 29.

TPAC has expressed its concerns about the use of tasers by front line police officers for the past three years and we have looked for ways to ensure tasers are not available to anyone but the highly trained officers of the Emergency Task Force. We have expressed our concerns about tasers being given to front-line officers, and of course are very concerned to think they might be used by special constables working for the TTC.

We believe the kind of debate envisioned by the motion will be very helpful in educating the public and decision-makers about the possible impacts of tasers being more generally available, impacts that we believe will be very negative for city residents. We think Council should be taking a leadership position on this issue, and this motion assists in that.

Accordingly, we urge the Council to adopt this motion.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Sewell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

John Sewell for Toronto Police Accountability Coalition.