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Dear Friends,

We are all aware of the shocking and tragic attacks in Paris last week; first and foremost I would like to express our heartfelt prayers and wishes to all those involved and to the nation of France.

We are still learning about what took place but I would like to reassure you that we acted very quickly on Friday night and implemented a policing plan across London that saw more visible policing in many parts of London. I would like to stress that this has NOT been in response to any specific intelligence relating to London or any specific community, rather our concern about how communities may be feeling.

I am writing to you to personally ask for your support over the coming weeks, as I recognise that communities may naturally feel a sense of unease and I hope you can pass on my message to help reassure them.

I would be grateful if you could use your networks and messaging systems to reach as many of your community members as possible to convey the following messages;

Officers and uniformed police staff will be out and about as part of London's community life. They have all been briefed and welcome members of the community approaching them and will do their best to help reassure them.

If any member of the community spots anything unusual that they do not feel happy about then please report this to the police dialing 101 or the Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789321. If it is urgent please dial 999.

It is with regret, but something that we have come to realise through experience, that hate crime can increase in these difficult times and I would ask that any hate crime is immediately reported and assure you that it will receive a fast response and be dealt with by specialist officers.

On a final note and I know I speak for all of us in saying that #westandtogether with Paris, with France and as communities together and we can send out a strong message of defiance against those who seek to terrorise us. Please can I ask you to encourage all of our communities to simply send the message that 'we will always stand together' on twitter and other social media.

Thank you for your continued support and friendship,

With my best wishes,

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