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Dear *Richard,*

The Mayor of Wandsworth has written to your Lord Mayor to express his condolences and his support for the people of Manchester following last night's terrible events, but I too wanted to reach out to you personally in my capacity as leader of the council to echo that support for you and the city you lead because I know how passionate you are about Manchester and how deeply you yourself will be affected and hurt by this tragedy.

Last night's events have caused deep shock to the nation, and indeed across the world. It will have affected countless people in your city and beyond and it is right that at this time we all stand together in defiance of those who seek to divide us

We know that the City and people of Manchester have great spirit and inner strength – it has of course been tested before – but I am sure that you and all those who live in your great city will rise to the challenge and ensure that Manchester remains a beacon of peace, tolerance, understanding and brotherhood that is an example to the whole world.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Councillor Ravi Govindia
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