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Speaking on 2 justice-related issues - parole support for Joe Donovan + the courthouse. 56

Work of RJ - assessment of harm, accountability, comm. involvement + repair is gaining traction over trad. justice which asks what law is broken, who did it + how to punish them.

RJ offers those who have been harmed the central role in speaking to the suffering + what would help, enables the harm doer to be fully accountable, + ~~find~~ seeks outcomes which address repair.

The 1992 murder of Ynque Raustein expressed a deep rift/abyss between ~~the~~ MIT / the lives of MIT students + those of local Cambridge youth. Students from MIT talked about "coming to Cambridge" as if they didn't live here. And local Cambridge youth expressed their disconnect with anything MIT related. Many of us spoke eloquently about that tragedy - only 2 years after the murders of Jesse McKee + Rigoberto Cruzan - as a heart stopping catalyst for greater connection between CRLS + MIT

Since has that has happened. More needs to. The Raustein family ~~has~~ ~~stepped~~ less steeped in a punitive orientation have called from the beginning for a humane outcome. The person who murdered Raustein has been out for 10

years + the other man The same.

With the SCt overturning life imprisonment, Council order 9 supports an unexpected + overdue first hearing for parole for Joe Donovan who has been in prison for more than 19 years. Joe is dedicated to making a new life back in the community which is worthwhile for himself, his family + those harmed

My support for Donovan's parole is in the context for the larger need to rectify what has become called The New Jim Crow - the mass incarceration of mostly men of color in the US. ~~Over~~ + the school to prison pipeline. We have ~~begun~~ pushed efforts for more than a decade for rest. practices in the schools + our neighborhoods. efforts like the recent 4/5 event sponsored by Council McGovern's Veterans + Human Services committee + Councilor Benzan's efforts for human opportunities for people in re-entry -

Any new life for the court house will + should bring econ. dev. to workers. + good union jobs Lets make sure some of those jobs are demolition ones - as well as meeting real community supported needs. Let's not ~~which~~ ~~do~~ not pit camb. residents ~~Camb. residents~~ who need work against those who want livable neighborhoods. Using the frame of rest. justice. There is always a third way - one not dictated by developers