



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened by the passing of Jordon Veira on June 23, 2019 at the young age of 26.

Jordon was a driving force in Toronto's spoken-word community and his poetry and work in local schools sought to empower Black youth. Known to many simply by his initials JV, Jordon was a familiar presence within Toronto's arts and education communities.

Jordon was also a co-founder of The Heard, an arts and equity organization for Black youth, and founder of Black Boy Brave, an initiative to teach and mentor Black boys about mental health, toxic masculinity and self-care.

Jordon was a talented artist, an equity champion, a teacher, a mentor and an inspiration to countless youth and community members. Jordon was extremely close to his family and well loved and respected by all who had the good fortune to know him.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere condolences to the family of Jordon Veira.

July 16, 2019