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Subject: RE: Peer Support Specialist Denyell Cruise Review
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Denyell Cruise has been a critical resource for the city, and particularly for the library. We regularly see her in the library meeting with people. She is always professional, approachable, and friendly in interactions both with staff and library patrons. What I also appreciate is that her work frees up Brenda Evans so that together they can reach out and help more people in the community. At the library, we see people regularly who are struggling and having Denyell available to help them in a relatable and approachable way has made a huge difference. Both Denyell and Brenda's regular presence in the library has allowed both to form relationships with some of our regular patrons. These relationships will have lasting positive impact. While we love our police and their community-first approach, having a first step resource like Denyell that isn't law enforcement can often prevent unnecessary escalations and can help build trust. The follow-up that Denyell can do with individuals helps community members get access to long term resources rather than one-time needs, as well. Denyell has been a great addition, and I hope the city will continue to support its partnership with The Peer Company and Denyell, specifically.

Thank you,

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