

April 10, 2020

Dear Mayor Lucas and Kansas City, Missouri Councilmembers:

As a long-time supporter of and advocate for downtown Kansas City, McCownGordon Construction highly recommends the City Council support Ordinance No. 200225 to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

Along with many prominent businesses anchored downtown, McCownGordon actively invests in Kansas City and has for more than 20 years. Now, more than ever, we urge the city to continue to invest in its own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project, even in these challenging times.

Since its founding, McCownGordon has always been a passionate advocate for developing a thriving downtown. We have always invested in the downtown community, constructing and renovating many of its buildings, supporting the civic and philanthropic communities and actively engaging in efforts to create a thriving economic region. We reinvested again when we built and opened our brand-new corporate headquarters building at 9<sup>th</sup> and Main less than one year ago.

This unprecedented time makes investing in downtown—especially in development that will move the needle on conventions and parking—essential to igniting growth in Kansas City when the recovery begins. We understand the City, along with the rest of the world, makes difficult decisions every day related to COVID-19 pandemic. But maintaining our momentum requires continuing to prioritize needed projects that will carry the City forward.

I, along with my entire Leadership Team, strongly encourage you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our lasting and continued support in ensuring Kansas City retains and expands its reputation as a great place to live and work, as well as a thriving center for cultural and economic success in our region.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer