



City of Kansas City, Missouri
LGBTQ Commission



Dear Kansas City Council,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you're having a good start to your week. We write this letter to express our support regarding the passage of Ordinance 231032 ahead of tomorrow's committee meeting.

This ordinance would give law enforcement, the city prosecutor, and the municipal division of the circuit court an additional tool to protect victims of hate crimes in the City of Kansas City. The City of Kansas City continues to lead the entire state in reported hate crimes and this would be a vital step taken to remedy this issue in our community.

We believe that regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or disability, that members of our community should be protected from fear, intimidation, harassment, and physical harm in the City of Kansas City. We want to pause and thank the city staff, community stakeholders, and council offices spearheading this for their thorough work in ensuring this issue is taken forward.

To the non-sponsors, we hope that you'll add your name as a co-sponsor to this legislation and support it when it gets to the full council. It's going to take our collective work to eradicate hate crimes in Kansas City, and we hope we can count on you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

City of Kansas City's LGBTQ Commission