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Greetings,

My name is Jordan Schiele and I live in Pendleton Heights which is in the 3rd district of Kansas City, MO. Recently, I was made aware of an ordinance proposed by my representative Councilwoman Melissa Robinson which would remove bike lanes created in the last 12 months and exempt the Third District from the Complete Street policy. **I am opposed to this proposed ordinance.**

In June of 2020 our family, which includes my wife and three kids aged 10, 7 and 3, made the decision to sell our car. Maintenance and insurance was becoming too expensive for our family and with the zero-fare on the bus line, we decided to instead purchase electric bicycles as our primary

mode of transportation. Since that decision we have put on over 2,000 miles on our bicycles. That is over 2,000 miles biked around this City. We frequently ride in the 3rd district. Our son plays soccer at the swope soccer complex, and we make a trip from Pendleton Heights through Benton down to Brush Creek twice a week. We use bikes to go to the dentist at the Seton Center. We use our bikes to go to the Gregg Klice Center, or frequent the restaurants and venues in the Jazz District. We bike through 18th street to get to the crossroads or other areas downtown. We also frequently bike down Paseo once a week to take our daughter to ukulele practice. With our kids we frequent public spray parks and playgrounds, and the list goes on.

Biking around the City can be dangerous, but when we choose our routes we frequently look for routes that have bike lanes or wide lanes and few cars. We have found that many drivers respect us when we are in the bike lanes, and since we ride as a family folks often wave or give a thumbs up. Biking around the City is a way to more intimately connect with our neighborhood. We are moving slower, seeing the sights, smelling the smells, and experiencing the road conditions. I was encouraged to see that expanding bike lines was a priority of our Mayor and City manager as well as working towards zero deaths of pedestrians and bikers around the City. Developed sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes are essential towards this goal.

Biking, walking, and zero-fare public transportation is the future of our City and necessary if we are going to fight climate change and cut down on carbon emissions. It is also an affordable way to travel around the City. The 3rd district is often neglected when it comes to City services,and investment. I would hate that 20 years from now we see that there is a strong network of bike lanes all around the City, except in the 3rd district. We don't have to choose between quality bikeability in the 3rd district and addressing the other needs of housing, trash, sidewalks, etc. We can prioritize all these things in a holistic effort to improve the quality of life within our neighborhoods.

Peace,
Jordan Schiele

P.S. Attached are some pictures. The first two pictures are of my family and our bikes we use to get around town. The other two pictures show our bicycle powered curbside compost program and a community member using a bike to advocate downtown.