

Esteemed Council Members,

Our organization, Hickman Mills United Neighborhoods, advocates on behalf of 12 neighborhoods in south Kansas City. We take an active approach to development, and always are open to collaborating with developers when they're looking to build in our area.

I'm writing today to express our organization's **opposition** to Ordinance No. 220997 - Residential Infill Development & Minor Subdivisions.

Kansas City has a long and proud history of neighborhood-led development, and of empowering its citizens to make sure they have a voice in the development process in their neighborhoods. **This ordinance is a major step in the wrong direction, and will lead to decreased neighborhood involvement in development.** As you are aware, when neighborhoods don't have a say in nearby development, it leads to dissatisfaction on

We support in full the Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council's suggestions to amend this ordinance. Specifically, we would like to see the following changes to the ordinance prior to passage:

- 1) Separate amendments to 88-535 Minor Subdivisions into a separate ordinance.
- 2) Retain public engagement requirements from 88-505-12 for all development stages within any proposed amendments to 88-535 Minor Subdivisions.
- 3) Limit the use of any new subdivision standards to a single project application by removing the ability to develop a large plat through a series of smaller applications.

We strongly believe the voice of neighborhoods is important in the development process, and hope that the council will make sure these voices continue to be taken into account.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Brandon Wright, Co-Chair