



**Coalition for Kansas City
Economic Development
Reform**

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Neighborhood, Planning, & Development Committee
Cm. Lee Barnes, Jr., Chair
City of Kansas City, Missouri
414 E 12th Street, 22nd Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: Support for Ordinance 210647

Dear Councilman Barnes and Committee,

The Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development reform is writing to you in support of Ordinance 210647, which aims to approve the 63rd and Prospect PIEA General Development Plan on approximately 25.62 acres generally located at the northwest quadrant of E. 63rd Street and Prospect Avenue and declaring said area to be blighted and in need of redevelopment and rehabilitation.

We feel this a good use for tax incentives because it is in a continuously and economically distressed census tract. We believe that tax incentives are necessary to bring about the development of the property after many years of vacancy and blight.

We appreciate that the request does not include luxury amenities which in turn allows for a broader array of housing types to fit all income needs.

Our only request at this point is to make sure that the surrounding communities are kept apprised of the development plans and that they are given ample opportunities to provide feedback so that this becomes an example of a truly collaborative development.

We would like to extend our thanks to your attention on this issue and would ask you to pass this out of the committee with a recommendation of "do pass".

Sincerely,
The Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development Reform

**AFT-Local 691, Black Agenda Group, Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity,
NAACP, Urban Summit, Empower Missouri**