

March 24th 2020

Joe Hudson
Carpenters' Regional Council
8955 E. 38th Ter.
Kansas City, MO. 64129

Re: Support for reconstruction of the Parking and Plaza at Barney Allis

Council Members, Mayor Lucas and Mr. Manager:

I represent the Carpenters Regional Council and over 22,000 working men and women. We strongly support reconstructing the Parking and the Plaza at Barney Allis and urge you to support Ordinance No. 200225. As you know the underground Auditorium Parking Garage (located below the plaza) is already partly closed, and is experiencing end-of-life failure due to 65 years of salt infiltration and chronic deterioration. It's inevitable the garage will close sooner rather than later, which will negatively impact the parking needs for the convention center, neighboring hotels and employers.

We agree with Mayor Lucas when he said, "Barney Allis today seems to be a barren place. We're trying to create something more open and welcoming, and get more business developing in the area."

With all the uncertainty going on right now in the construction industry and knowing that the City Council will be making difficult budget decisions in the upcoming months. We urge the City Council to prioritize the Barney Allis redevelopment and authorize the funds to continue the progress made thus far. This project is shovel-ready, it will keep Kansas Citians working, and positions Kansas City to emerge even stronger from this current economic downturn.

Kansas City must be prepared to greet visitors from all over the U.S. (and world) to the National League of Cities Conference in November 2022 and the NFL Draft in April 2023. Both events present incredible opportunities to shine a spotlight on our thriving city.

Please join us by giving your support to reconstruct the Parking and Plaza at Barney Allis.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

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