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Dear Council and Mayor,

I am writing today to express my support for the Committee Substitute to Ordinance 211077.

The original ordinance would extend the Midtown TIF and award Mac Properties over $10.5 million over the next 20 years for their project at Main and Armour which is not in the best interest of Kansas City.

The committee substitute I am asking you to support would instead direct those funds to the city's Housing Trust Fund for use in any neighborhood, especially parts of the city that have faced historic disinvestment, to build truly affordable housing below 40% MFI, which would go a long way to help curb the dramatic uptick in homelessness.

The substitute also maintains the RAMP funding for minor home repair loans for homeowner occupied homes from the original ordinance, which I also support because as a community leader I know the importance of having this fund especially for aging home-owners on a fixed income facing property tax increases.

As the ordinance currently stands I would be in complete opposition to the entire project because it just adds to the perfect storm that is brewing for Kansas City's most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your time and please support the committee substitute for Ordinance 211077 over the original ordinance.

You have a chance to show us solidarity with your campaign promises to reform the way we fund economic development so that it truly benefits the citizens you have been elected to serve.

Warmly,
Angie Lile, 6th District Community Leader, Business Owner, Public School Parent, KCPS District Advisory Chair.