



April 9, 2020

City of Kansas City Missouri  
KCMO City Hall  
414 E 12th St  
Kansas City MO 64106

Dear Council Members and Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at Max Electric, Inc. strongly urge the City Council to support Ordinance No. 200225, to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

Along with many prominent businesses anchored downtown, Max Electric is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 17 years. Now, more than ever, we encourage the City to continue to invest in their own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project - even during these challenging times.

Max Electric and its team of electricians and linemen have constructed, renovated and serviced many public/private buildings and facilities located in downtown Kansas City in the last 17 years. Our strict BUY LOCAL purchasing policy has resulted in more than 20 million dollars going to downtown Kansas City suppliers and businesses. Additionally, as a DWBE certified company we support hiring KCMO residents. More than 10 million dollars in wages (and resulting KCMO earnings taxes) have been paid to KCMO residents that, I am sure, have gone back into the KCMO economic community through our employees' spending. Max Electric anticipates this level of KCMO community support through corporate spending and wages will continue at the same or increased rate in future years.

We understand that the City, along with the rest of the world, is making difficult decisions every day related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By moving this project forward now, the City will be ready to revive the momentum on downtown development and the local economy when this situation subsides. Reinvesting in the Barney Allis parking garage and plaza also demonstrates your support of our business, convention, hotel and tourism industries as they recover from the economic downturn.

As a representative from Max Electric, Inc. I urge you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our continual support in establishing Kansas City as a desirable place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita J Baslock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rita J Baslock  
President