
Opposition to Ordinance 260286

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Dear Mayor Lucas,

I am speaking in opposition to the affordable housing provisions in Ordinance 260286. As a KCPS parent, a Kansas City native, a former planning commissioner, and a career professional in the real estate industry, the gutting of the set-aside policy would allow developers to receive public subsidies while contributing little to nothing to the city's priorities around affordable housing.

I firmly believe that we can develop sound economic development policies that:

- Provide a strong return on investment to taxpayers,
- Don't put undue pressure on our school systems and other public services,
- And can spur revitalization in our urban core communities.

But, respectfully, a small group of folks in City Hall, EDC, and Port KC throwing a number on the wall and seeing what sticks, is not the way to do it. City Hall and other economic agencies need to work with housing policy experts to come up with a solution that is well-researched and vetted with community input. It should tie the set-aside closely with the incentives of the housing trust fund to create guardrails for how dollars are spent and incentives that match the price points that are needed by Kansas City families and teachers.

This does not need to be a lengthy process, but it does need to be professional and operated in good faith with taxpayers. You cannot expect KC families to watch their schools struggle to afford enough teachers and supplies for their kids while developers receive tax breaks without public benefits in return.

We ask that you remove the affordable housing provisions from this ordinance to allow time for public input and expert guidance.

Thank you,

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