



COOPERATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

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Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City, an organization that represents the many School Districts across the region — including the 14 within Kansas City, Missouri. Those 14 School Districts play a vital role in our city, and I urge you today to show them support by passing **Ordinance 211025**.

This Ordinance isn't a complicated one. All it does is make clear that Enhanced Enterprise Zones are not to be used for residential development. This has already been the practice for many years and any change to this could deliver a significant blow to many School Districts, including Center School District, Hickman School District, North Kansas City School District and Kansas City Public Schools.

This Ordinance comes in the wake of several development attorneys being of the legal opinion that EEZ can be used for residential development. While the Cooperating School Districts of Kansas City are not anti-residential development, we believe there are other tools available to build housing and we encourage developers to use those when appropriate.

We are very supportive of this Ordinance and hope to see it passed quickly.

Thank you,

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