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Dear City Council:

I'm writing to ask you to pass ordinance 211067 Tenants' Right to Counsel today. I have too many friends and loved ones whose livelihoods have been turned upside down due to evictions that could have easily been prevented with an ordinance such as this one.

While implementing Tenants' Right to Counsel requires meaningful City investment, this investment will actually lead to cost-savings for KCMO. For example, Los Angeles saved \$3.50 for every \$1 invested in tenant representation. It is over three times more cost effective to prevent homelessness rather than to react to it.

Most property owners don't want to evict their tenants, and they especially don't want to do so in a way that is as inhumane as the current landlord-tenant court system. When a tenant has representation, the process becomes much more just for all parties involved. When tenants are represented by counsel, cases are resolved more frequently, and rent payments or payment plans are established. When a landlord wants the tenant to leave the home and the landlord has legal grounds to make it happen, the attorneys on both sides work toward a settlement that gives the

tenant enough time to find new housing.

Do not delay - pass this today!

Sincerely,
Mary Allison