

December 30, 2020

City of Kansas City Missouri 414 East 12th street Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mayor Lucas and Council Members:

On behalf of the Hispanic Contractors' Association, we strongly support the Barney Allis Redevelopment project, Ordinance 201080.

As chairman of this organization, and board member of multiple non- for-profit organizations, and with a long history of involvement with the community for almost two decades, I have seen and witnessed the need to preserve Barney Allis Plaza as a parking solution and destination for families to enjoy greenspace in downtown Kansas City.

I am confident that Barney Allis Plaza, located in the heart of the city, will be greater used and appreciated by the local community. Additionally, it will bring benefit to the local economy, as well as a great experience to visitors from other regions.

We ask you to please consider moving forward, continue with the Barney Allis Redevelopment Project, Ordinance 201080. Now is the right time to start demolition and construction because it minimizes disruption while the hotel and convention industries recover from the pandemic. Kansas City can set the stage for recovery and prepare to be in the spotlight for upcoming events like the National League of Cities – Fall 2022 and the NFL Draft – Spring 2023.

Please, feel free to contact me for more information, or testimonies from the local Hispanic community.

Sincerely, yours

Alex Gonzalez Chair