

Ordinance No. 200225 Testimony and Letters of Support Provided

#	Supportive?	Last Name	First Name	Organization	Address
1	Yes	Holliday	Ann	Downtown Council of Kansas City	1000 Walnut, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64106
2	Yes			JE Dunn	1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
3	Yes	Campbell	Jared	Downtown Neighborhood Association/ Resident	PO Box 26053, Kansas City, MO 64196
4	Yes			KC Southern	427 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105
5	Yes			Platform Ventures	4220 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 200B, Fairway, KS 66205
6	Yes			Carpenters Union	8955 E 38 Terrace #100, Kansas City, MO 64129
7	Yes	Turner	Paul	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	416 W 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 643106
8	Yes	Martiny	Alise	GKC Building & Construction Trades Council	400 S Main, Independence, MO 64050
9	Yes			International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	301 E 103 Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114
10	Yes	Dillingham	Allen	The Builders Association	720 Oak St, Kansas City, MO 64106
11	Yes			Thornton Tomasetti	2323 Grand Blvd #900, Kansas City, MO 64108
12	Yes			BNIM	2460 E Pershing Rd #100, Kansas City, MO 64108
13	Yes	Meeks	Sara	JE Dunn	1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
14	Yes	Wade	Luke	KC Crew	1800 Genessee, Suite 326, Kansas City MO 64102
15	Yes	Hudson	Joe	Carpenters Union	8955 E 38 Terrace #100, Kansas City, MO 64129
16	Yes	Fennesy	John	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	301 E 103 Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114
17	Yes			Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts	1601 Broadway Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108
18	Yes			Lyric Opera	1601 Broadway Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

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19	Yes			KC Ballet	1601 Broadway Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108
20	Yes			KC Symphony	1601 Broadway Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108
21	Yes	Craig	Evie	The Arts Asylum	1000 East 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106
22	Yes			Kansas City Sports Commission	2600 Grand Blvd #100, Kansas City, MO 64108
23	Yes	Bartelli	Tom	Works Downtown	1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
24	Yes	Albrecht	Corey	Works Downtown	1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
25	Yes	Miller	Eric	Resident	1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
26	Yes	Blaesing	Jeff	Resident	
27	Yes	Wolfe	Dustin	Resident	609 Central Street, Kansas City, MO
28	Yes	Collins	Joanne	Resident, former City Council member	
29	Yes	Mitchell	Sean		1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
30	Yes	Morrison	Cassie		1001 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
31	Yes	Bock	Nicholas		
32	Yes	Bowden	Clark		
33	Yes	Catron	Chris		
34	Yes	Cowsert	Kyler	Works Downtown	
35	Yes	King	Tracy	Works Downtown	
36	Yes	LaBranche	Kevin	Resident	823 Walnut Street Apt 805, Kansas City, MO 64106
37	Yes	Pfeiffer	James		
38	Yes	Schneider	Jim		
39	Yes	Smith	Zack	Resident/Works Downtown	
40	Yes	Smith	Fred		
41	Yes	Stewart	Darcy	Works downtown	
42	Yes	Swymeler	Mitch	Works downtown	
43	Yes	Trotter	April	Resident	
44	Yes	Wright	Jason		



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45	Yes			SK Design Group	4600 College Blvd #100, Overland Park, KS 66211
46	Yes			JA Lillig Excavating	1615 E 173rd St, Belton, MO 64012
47	Yes	Palomarez	Alexandria	Turner Construction	1220 Washington St #100, Kansas City, MO 64108
48	Yes			Turner Construction	1220 Washington St #100, Kansas City, MO 64108
49	Yes			Custom Engineering	12760 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055
50	Yes			Max Electric	705 Blue Ridge Ext, Grandview, MO 64030
51	Yes	Amirahmadi	Majid and Elizabeth	International Architects Atelier	912 Broadway Blvd, #300, Kansas City, MO 64105
52	Yes	Cherafat	Ramin	McGown Gordon	850 Main St, Kansas City MO 64105
53	Yes	Savage	Cynthia	Marriott Kansas City Downtown	200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105
54	Yes	Rhoades	Stephanie	Vireo	929 Walnut St, #700, Kansas City, MO 64106
55	Yes	Mayo	Kurt	Hotel and Lodging Association of Greater Kansas City	1600 Genessee St, #603, Kansas City, MO 64102

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April 2, 2020

Mayor Lucas and City Council Members
City of Kansas City, Missouri
City Hall
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

As one of Kansas City's longest standing, headquarters-based companies, Kansas City Southern (KCS) thanks you for the leadership you have provided during this time of global crisis. We remain optimistic about Kansas City and its future.

The revitalization of downtown in the last 20 years is remarkable, and repositions the Greater Kansas City region for the future. We are proud to have been one of the very first downtown-based companies to invest in downtown with the commitment to our new corporate headquarters building at 12th and Washington. We want to see this progress continue and know that it will after the current pandemic.

KCS is also proud to be working with the City toward some kind of mixed use development at its newly acquired property at 1200 Broadway known as the Carpenter site. As I mentioned at the Council's business session when acquisition of that block was discussed, KCS supports the City's goal of making the most of this site and something more than just a parking garage. As the adjacent landowner where our corporate headquarters building sits, we are excited about opportunities to work with the City toward this goal which is consistent with our long-range growth objectives.

Related to these opportunities is the City's Barney Allis Redevelopment project including the municipal garage there. We understand that garage is in urgent need of immediate mitigation and ultimate redevelopment. As such, we hope the City Council can support Ordinance No. 200225, to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

We understand that the City, along with the rest of the world, is making difficult decisions every day related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Understandably, this makes even modest incremental investment in capital projects of urgent need like this one more difficult. That said, by moving this project forward incrementally now, the City can take advantage of this slow time for the garage to start some of the badly needed, preliminary work there including engaging the shortlisted design-build teams in a design competition resulting in a firm price proposal, performing hazardous material abatement and removal and relocation of the various pieces of art at the site.

By taking those steps now during the slow time at that garage, we will be ready to revive the momentum of downtown development and the local economy when the pandemic subsides. Reinvesting in the Barney Allis parking garage and plaza also demonstrates your support of the businesses like KCS who have already invested in downtown and plan to invest more in the future, as well as our important convention, hotel and tourism industries as they recover from the economic downturn.

Thank you again for your public service during this very trying time, and for your confidence in our city's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Warren K. Erdman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Warren" being more prominent and the last name "Erdman" following in a similar style.

Warren K. Erdman



April 6th, 2020

Mayor Lucas and City Council Members
City of Kansas City, Missouri
City Hall
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Council and Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at Platform Ventures 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, Platform Ventures is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for approximately 15 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.

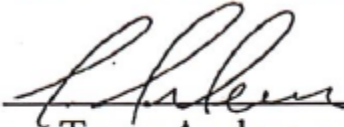
Platform Ventures is actively engaged in delivering a 3-Phase development on a full city block which is immediately adjacent to and directly to the East of the Barney Allis Redevelopment project. Total project costs are expected to be \$180mm and will result in the delivery of 151 market-rate apartments, 144 boutique hotel rooms, and a 152m SF Class-A office building accompanied by a 411-stall structured parking garage (parking will be available to the general public on nights and weekends). It is important to note that the office building will be the first speculative office-building delivered in Downtown Kansas City in over 30 years.

Our massive investment in this block is an investment in what we see as a major resurgence in Downtown Kansas City, and the reimagining of Barney Allis Plaza is an incredible opportunity to propel this new vision forward. The City's decision not to proceed with the redevelopment of Barney Allis Plaza would be detrimental to this movement, and could result in our decision not to proceed or materially delay certain phases of our proposed project, most notably being the office building which is directly adjacent to the Plaza.

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 Platform Ventures, 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,

By:  _____
Name: Terry Anderson
Title: Co-President

St. Louis - Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council



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March 24th, 2020

Mayor Lucas, City Manager and Council Members
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO. 64106

Re: Support for reconstruction of the Parking and Plaza at Barney Allis

Council Members, Mayor Lucas and Mr. Manager:

I represent the Carpenters Regional Council and over 22,000 working men and women. We strongly support reconstructing the Parking and the Plaza at Barney Allis and urge you to support Ordinance No. 200225. As you know the underground Auditorium Parking Garage (located below the plaza) is already partly closed, and is experiencing end-of-life failure due to 65 years of salt infiltration and chronic deterioration. It's inevitable the garage will close sooner rather than later, which will negatively impact the parking needs for the convention center, neighboring hotels and employers.

We agree with Mayor Lucas when he said, "Barney Allis today seems to be a barren place. We're trying to create something more open and welcoming, and get more business developing in the area."

With all the uncertainty going on right now in the construction industry and knowing that the City Council will be making difficult budget decisions in the upcoming months, we urge the City Council to prioritize the Barney Allis redevelopment and authorize the funds to continue the progress made thus far. This project is shovel-ready, it will keep Kansas Citians working, and position Kansas City to emerge even stronger from this current economic downturn.

Kansas City must be prepared to greet visitors from all over the U.S. (and world) to the National League of Cities Conference in November 2022 and the NFL Draft in April 2023. Both events present incredible opportunities to shine a spotlight on our thriving city.

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Sincerely,

Joe L. Hudson

Political Director / Business Development

Thornton Tomasetti

Via email: MayorQ@kcmo.org

March 24, 2020

Mayor Lucas, City Council and City Staff
City Hall, 29th Floor
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

**RE: BARNEY ALLIS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
KANSAS CITY, MO**

Mayor Lucas, City Council and City Staff,

Thornton Tomasetti is a Kansas City corporate citizen first, and a structural engineering firm second. As Principals and Leaders in our Kansas City office, we hope that you will agree that support for Ordinance No. 200225 is an investment Kansas City can support as we continue to make dramatic and important improvements to downtown Kansas City.

Having been an active member in the downtown community for almost 15 years, all 43 of our Kansas City employees come to work each day excited about the investments and improvements being made today.

The purpose for writing today is to express Thornton Tomasetti's support for a new and improved Barney Allis Plaza, both as a parking resource to downtown and an invigorated green space, making a positive impact on both workers downtown and visitors to our city. Moving the Barney Allis Project forward now, in spite of some historic challenges and uncertainty, is the right thing to do for all of us as stewards of this city. Creating a positive, inspiring downtown experience for those who live, work and visit Kansas City is critical to make our downtown stronger and attract and retain companies. As the greeting point to downtown, the Barney Allis Plaza is critical to making these goals a reality.

We thank you for your service to Kansas City, Missouri. We recognize that these are challenging times for public officials who must manage multiple community concerns, of which most all impact your limited

Thornton Tomasetti

Mayor Lucas, City Council and City Staff
RE: BARNEY ALLIS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

March 24, 2020

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discretionary budget. Please consider moving the Barney Allis Project forward for the betterment of downtown Kansas City.

Respectfully,

THORNTON TOMASETTI, INC.



Matthew Farber, P.E., S.E.
Office Director



Gary Storm, P.E., LEED AP
Senior Principal



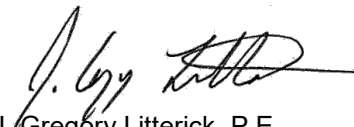
Robert Treece, P.E., S.E., LEED AP
Senior Principal



Darren Hartman, P.E., LEED AP
Senior Principal



Steve Hofmeister, P.E., S.E., LEED AP
Managing Principal



J. Gregory Litterick, P.E.
Vice President



March 24, 2020

Dear Mayor Lucas, City Council Members, and City Staff,

As long-time stewards of Downtown Kansas City, we at BNIM want to keep the momentum alive in KC. With all the great things happening in our City and the national attention gained through championships, large-scale civic initiatives, and the recent commitment to free-fare public transportation, we see a tremendous wave of positive change that is elevating all boats in Kansas City.

KCMO will be more attractive than ever after the COVID-19 response. This crisis is bringing everyone closer to nature, behavior is changing, it is creating a rapid period of innovation and workplace evolution, and it is bringing us back to the City Beautiful Movement that brought parks system to KC. We are well-positioned to emerge from this unprecedented global event as a healthier, more vibrant city for family and visitors.

We strongly believe that moving the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment project forward is important as it capitalizes on the continued success of the downtown redevelopment. As co-chairs of the ULI TAP committee that evaluated Barney Allis Plaza for the downtown council, our BNIM leadership hopes you agree that supporting Ordinance No 200225 means supporting a project that will continue to build on the momentum we have all invested in as community members, professionals, and civic leaders.

The primary point made by the Barney Allis stakeholders we spoke with throughout the ULI TAP process is that this project presents a tremendous opportunity to make Kansas City a great place to live, work, and visit. In particular, we believe the reasons to support this project are three-fold: the unsafe conditions of the current garage, the continuous investment of city money to simply keep it open, and a plaza whose design no one wants brave on a regular basis.

Through great government leadership, we know that we will be able to bring hope for moving our economy forward after our current situation is resolved. Why not invest in the city, the residents, and the companies of downtown as they continue to move this city forward more in the last ten years than we have seen in a lifetime?

As we have done for the past 50 years, we offer our support in making Downtown Kansas City a vibrant and healthy place to call home.

Sincerely,

Steve McDowell FAIA
President & CEO

Craig Scranton AIA
Principal

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Tuesday, March 24th, 2020

Luke Wade

KC Crew

1800 Genessee St

Suite 326 Kansas City, MO 64102

Re: Support for reconstruction of the Parking and Plaza at Barney Allis

Dear Council Member,

I represent KC Crew, and I strongly support reconstructing the Parking and the Plaza at Barney Allis and urge you to support Ordinance No. 200225. The underground Auditorium Parking Garage (located below the plaza) is already partly closed, and is experiencing end-of-life failure due to 65 years of salt infiltration and chronic deterioration. It's inevitable the garage will close sooner rather than later, which will negatively impact the parking needs for the convention center, neighboring hotels and employers.

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Sincerely,

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Luke Wade

Owner/Founder of KC Crew

The Community Creator

March 24th 2020

Joe Hudson
Carpenters' Regional Council
8955 E. 38th Ter.
Kansas City, MO. 64129

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Sincerely,

(Signature)

Joe L. Hudson
Political Director / Business Development



March 25, 2020

Honorable Kevin O'Neill
414 E. 12th Street, 22nd Floor
Kansas City MO 64106

Re: Support for reconstruction of the Parking and Plaza at Barney Allis

Dear Council Member Kevin O'Neill/ Mayor Lucas:

I represent IBEW Local Union 124 and I strongly support reconstructing the Parking and the Plaza at Barney Allis and urge you to support Ordinance No. 200225. The underground Auditorium Parking Garage (located below the plaza) is already partly closed, and is experiencing end-of-life failure due to 65 years of salt infiltration and chronic deterioration. It's inevitable the garage will close sooner rather than later, which will negatively impact the parking needs for the convention center, neighboring hotels and employers.

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Sincerely,

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John P. Fennesy
Business Manager

March 16, 2020

Mayor Lucas, Council Members and City Staff:

As the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts nears its tenth anniversary season, we are writing to you as continued supporters of the economic development associated with downtown Kansas City's vibrant arts and cultural events scene.

While there is little doubt that the sixty-five-year-old Barney Allis Plaza and its Auditorium Plaza Garage is near end of life, **our concern is the apparent lack of a plan to mitigate the parking, traffic, and economic impact of removing the currently used 740 spaces from the public parking inventory with no suitable plan to replace them during construction.** We have been informed by City staff and consultants the demolition and construction project could last up to two years.

Moreover, we appear to be removing public parking inventory at a time when event demand is likely to increase. Consider the new Loew's Convention Hotel, which is scheduled for opening on April 1, 2020. Its 460 spaces will almost certainly not meet the added demand for guests and staff when they hold events in their own spaces. However, without a plan to replace the Auditorium Plaza Garage spaces, the remaining parking inventory will simply not meet a fraction of the demand in the area. The challenges become exponentially larger when ballroom events at the hotel and conference center with attendance of 1600 and 1200 occur simultaneously with any of the more than 300 performances held at the Kauffman Center annually.

Prior to funding or approving any demolition or construction project associated with Barney Allis Plaza, we respectfully request of the City's leaders and City staff to:

- 1. Complete a thorough parking and traffic impact study prior to closure of 720 spaces at Auditorium Plaza Garage. Identifying the project's impact on cultural events in the community for up to two years.***
- 2. Prepare a thorough and well-conceived mitigation plan (appropriately reviewed and approved by local stakeholders) which limits the disruption to normal business operations for events in a five-block radius of Barney Allis Plaza throughout the two-year process. Specifically, the plan should identify a traffic control plan and replacement parking spaces for those which will be taken offline for the project.***

The Kauffman Center and its three resident art organizations — the Kansas City Symphony, the Kansas City Ballet, and the Lyric Opera of Kansas City — have helped propel the quality of performing arts in our community to levels we never previously would have imagined...and others around the country and around the world have taken notice! **We want to ensure the momentum and the welcoming environment we have created for visitors to the downtown corridor grows even stronger in the next ten years.** We trust that our elected and appointed municipal leaders wish to avoid taking steps which would quickly eliminate all that we have achieved together.

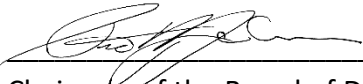
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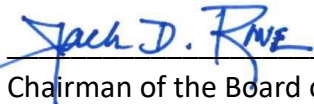
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts



Chairman of the Board of Directors, Lyric Opera of Kansas City



Chairman of the Board of Directors, Kansas City Symphony



Chairman of the Board of Directors, Kansas City Ballet



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March 24, 2020

Council Member Bunch,

First, let me express my gratitude - and that of my family and friends - for the remarkable and very difficult actions the City has taken to keep us all healthy and safe during our current public health crisis. **You all have led by example and are saving lives every day.**

As Executive Director of the Arts Asylum, I strongly support reconstructing the Parking Garage and the Plaza at Barney Allis and urge you to support **Ordinance No. 200225**. The underground Auditorium Parking Garage is experiencing end-of-life failure due to 65 years of salt infiltration and chronic deterioration. Barney Allis Plaza is an underutilized space in the heart of downtown Kansas City that does not present a lasting positive image of KC to the millions of visitors each year heading to the Convention Center and other nearby destinations including arts venues, and who bring billions of dollars of economic impact to the region annually. I agree with Mayor Lucas when he said, "Barney Allis today seems to be a barren place. We're trying to create something more open and welcoming, and get more business developing in the area."

I understand that the City Council is making difficult budget decisions but urge you to authorize the funds for Barney Allis redevelopment and continue the progress made thus far. This project is shovel-ready, keeps Kansas Citians working, and positions Kansas City to emerge even stronger from this current economic downturn. I look forward to the day when the Barney Allis Plaza has amenities providing recreational and arts programming for the thousands of patrons at our wonderful Music Hall and Folly Theatre, drawing them to spend time and money in our City and not just run through it on their way to a performance.

The City has shown remarkable leadership and compassion during these difficult days. It is everyone's responsibility to keep moving forward so that we come out on the other side with a better Kansas City and a better world.

Sincerely,

Evie Craig
Executive Director, The Arts Asylum



April 6, 2020

Mayor Lucas, City Council Members and City Staff,

As President and CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation, I encourage you to support Ordinance NO 200225 and continue to make critical improvements to Downtown Kansas City.

The mission of the Kansas City Sports Commission is to drive the overall sports strategy, enrich the quality of life, create economic impact and raise visibility for our region. We work to attract events that support our mission. Things like the Big 12 Basketball Championships, with estimated economic activity of over \$20 million annually, create a positive ripple effect for our beautiful city. The Big 12 Conference has awarded these championships to Kansas City through 2024, creating an \$80+ million impact. We've also been awarded the 2023 NFL Draft and expect a \$224 million financial lift, like what Nashville, TN experienced by hosting the NFL Draft in 2019.

Events like these and numerous others ranging from NCAA and NAIA championships, Royals Fan Fest, the potential 2026 World Cup and of course the recent Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl win continue to put us front and center on the world stage. The Barney Allis Plaza parking garage is an important part of these events being as it's connected to the surrounding hotels and businesses and it's critical in making our destination a walkable downtown for competitors and fans.

The Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment Project should continue to move forward in order to be completed before the critical date of the NFL Draft in April of 2023. We expect tens of thousands of visitors to descend on Kansas City and will generate substantial global media attention. The rooftop park concept will create a programmable space for visitors and fans and will deliver a top tier city experience which could garner even more large-scale events and glean bigger economic impact for our citizens. If a negative experience occurs, we could lose future opportunities to attract large-scale sports events and competitions.

Moving the Barney Allis Project forward now, despite challenges that were unfathomable just a few weeks ago, is the right thing to do for all of us as stewards of this city. I understand that these are challenging times for public officials like yourselves who must manage multiple community concerns against a limited discretionary budget.

Kansas City has improved its downtown. We have worked hard to evolve our city so everyone who works, lives, plays in and visits will have a positive downtown experience. Barney Allis Plaza is often an initial greeting point for all these patrons.

I am grateful for your service to our city. I urge you will take the steps to continue the forward momentum of our downtown by approving the ordinance at hand.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Nelson".

Kathy Nelson

President/CEO

Greater Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation

March 24, 2020

Mayor Lucas, City Council Members and City Staff,

JE Dunn Construction is a Kansas City corporate citizen first and builder second. As CEO and Chairman we hope that you will agree with us that support for Ordinance NO 200225 is an investment Kansas City can support as we continue to make dramatic and important improvements to Downtown Kansas City.

We currently have close to 1000 employees who work out of our headquarters which, as you know, is in downtown Kansas City. We all come to work each day more excited about the investments and improvements that have been made – and are still being made in downtown Kansas City. Moving the Barney Allis Project forward now, in spite of challenges that were unfathomable just a few weeks ago is the right thing to do for all of us as stewards of this city.

The strategies to make our downtown stronger and attract and retain companies will be for naught if we can't take care of our own assets that are in the heart of our City. We have worked so hard to improve our downtown so everyone who works, lives, plays in and visits Kansas City will have a positive downtown experience. Barney Allis Plaza is often an initial greeting point for all these patrons.

We thank you for your service to Kansas City, Missouri. We recognize that these are challenging times for public officials like yourselves who must manage multiple community concerns, of which most all impact your limited discretionary budget. The purpose for writing today is to express JE Dunn's support for a new and improved BAP both as a parking resource to downtown and an invigorated green space, making a positive impact on both workers downtown and visitors to our city.

Respectfully,



Tim Dunn
Chairman



Gordon Lansford
CEO



CUSTOM ENGINEERING
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

April 9, 2020

Eric Bunch,
Councilman 4th District
City of Kansas City, MO
City Hall
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Councilman Bunch:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at Custom Engineering 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, Custom Engineering is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 46 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.

Custom Engineering has supported all the major redevelopment initiatives to advance this City to the top. Initiatives such as the Power and Light District, Sprint Arena, Infrastructure Improvements, and the New KCI Airport Terminal. The employees at Custom Engineering work very hard to deliver projects that support the Triple Bottom Line of People, Planet, and Profits all to the benefits of the Community.

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 Custom Engineering, 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,

Joseph T. Davis, PE
CEO



April 9, 2020

Turner Construction
1220 Washington Street Suite 100 | KCMO | 64108

Dear Members of the City Council and Mayor Lucas:

Turner Construction Company strongly urges the City Council to support Ordinance No. 200225, which will continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project. We've been a resident and proponent of downtown Kansas City for more than 30 years.

Alongside many of our downtown neighbors, we've been an active investor in the Kansas City community, which began with the original Bartle Hall Expansion project in 1988. 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. **We strongly believe that this project will not only transform the landscape of the downtown community, but it will provide an avenue to create new construction jobs and promote economic growth for the small business community that desperately needs help during these unprecedented times.**

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 Vice President and General Manager of our Kansas City office, 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 blue ink that reads "Karen M. Hogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Karen Hogan
Turner Construction | Vice President & General Manager

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April 9, 2020

City of Kansas City
414 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64012

Dear Council Member McManus/Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at J.A. Lillig Excavating, 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, J.A. Lillig Excavating is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 34 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.

Our main area of work is focused in Kansas City. In the past we have been involved in projects like the Sprint Center. We have been part of numerous downtown projects; we believe it helps improve the quality of the community and increases the amount of jobs available for the people of Kansas City. We continue to work in Kansas City to contribute to a better community.

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 J.A. Lillig Excavating, 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,

Holly Lillig

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April 9, 2020

Mayor Lucas and City Council
City of Kansas City Missouri
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: **Ordinance No. 200225 – Barney Allis Redevelopment Project**

Dear Council Members and Mayor Lucas:

As proponents of downtown Kansas City, we at SK Design Group, 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, SK Design Group is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 31 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.

SK Design Group has over 30 years invested in the downtown business community. Over 30 projects for Private, Utility and the City of Kansas City, Mo. within the downtown loop. Our investment stems from our pride in our home City and Community that touches the quality of life for all of us as well as everyone who has the pleasure of coming to our great City.

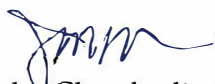
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As representatives from SK Design Group, we urge you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our continual support in establishing Kansas City as a desirable place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,
SK Design Group, Inc.



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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 be "Rita J Baslock", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rita J Baslock
President

April 9, 2020

Dear Members of the City Council and Mayor Lucas,


As a longtime resident of Kansas City, MO, I encourage you to support Ordinance NO 200225 and continue to make critical improvements to Downtown Kansas City.

I have lived in the Kansas City metro area my entire life and have chosen to work for a company located in the heart of downtown. I have single-handedly seen the investments and improvements that have been made – and are still being made in downtown Kansas City. Now, more than ever, I encourage the City to continue to invest in their own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project - even during these challenging times. I strongly believe that this project will not only transform the landscape of the downtown community, but it will provide an avenue to create new construction jobs and promote economic growth for the small business community that desperately needs help during these unprecedented times.

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 resident of Kansas City, I urge you to pass Ordinance No. 200225 to continue establishing Kansas City as a desirable place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,



04/09/2020

Alexandria Palomarez
Turner Construction | Business Development Engineer

March 31, 2020

To: The Kansas City Missouri Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee

Regarding Ordinance 200225

Barney Allis Plaza Parking

Meeting April 1, 2020 9:00AM

We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns on the replacement of the Barney Allis Plaza parking facility. This garage is used by several hotels, the Music Hall, Bartle Hall and several other downtown venues.

The garage has been described as underutilized which there are days this is true however we must be prepared for the days when maximum space is required. Failure to do so will result in lost business. The new Loews will add 800 rooms and significant catering space that will put additional pressure on convention area parking over and above the 469 spaces at the new hotel. We know that there is a new parking facility being planned at 12th and Broadway which will help lower the burden on the Allis facility however we are asking that at least 750 spaces be in the new Barney Allis Garage which is 250 less than the current capacity. During conventions, high hotel occupancy, sporting events, public shows at Bartle Hall/ Music Hall and during large banquets is when the existing parking is now at capacity. With the new assets we have opening in the convention district we expect parking demand to grow.

If the proper decisions are not made now, Kansas City's future Conventions and Downtown Events business will be at risk. Today's customers require adequate and convenient parking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kurt Mayo

Executive Director

Hotel and Lodging Association of Greater Kansas City

816-421-3646

April 9, 2020

Dear Council Members and Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at **Vireo Planning and Design** 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, **Vireo** is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 25 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.**

Our City has made great strides over the past 20 years at rebuilding our downtown and creating a vibrant place to live, work and play. Although the first 20 years wasn't easy, it happened, but now we must reinvest in our aging infrastructure for growth to continue for another 20 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 **Vireo**, 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,



Stephen B. Rhoades
Principal Landscape Architect and Owner, Vireo



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April 14, 2020

Mayor Lucas, City Council Members and City Staff:

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

Along with many businesses anchored downtown, The Kansas City Marriott Downtown is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 32 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.

Tourism is an extremely important part of the Kansas City economy which tourism supports 48,000 jobs in our community. We are a convention hotel that hosts 220,000 visitors each year. The guests that come and fill downtown, our hotel, the surrounding hotels, the Kansas City Convention Center, Municipal Auditorium and other venues need parking.

The revitalization of the Barney Allis garage is essential to keep conventions and meeting planners and attendees choosing Kansas City as a destination. If you look at Kansas City's largest groups most either drive to Kansas City or rent a car at the airport. The Walker Study concluded how important this garage is to downtown Kansas City and we hope that you look at this study again to understand the importance of this project.

We are a vested part of the downtown business community. We have spent the past several years reinvesting in the hotel by completing a total renovation so that we can continue to support this community by taking care of the guests and organizations that have meetings and events in Downtown Kansas City.

We understand that the City is making difficult decisions every day related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our industry and our hard-working associates have been devastated by this. We look forward to a bright future when downtown will be bustling with events and activities that bring our community together.

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.

We 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,
Cynthia P. Savage
Kansas City Marriott Downtown



April 13, 2020

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee;

We would like to inform you that International Architects Atelier, a local MBE/WBE architectural firm and prime consultant to the Whiting-Turner Design-Build team, wishes to submit our support for the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment Project. International Architects Atelier has been located in Downtown Kansas City since its inception 32 years ago. Our office has always been located just a few blocks away from BAP. Even if our team is not the selected Design-Build team for this project, we will maintain our full support for this project.

Our firm had the opportunity to participate in the 2005 Barney Allis Plaza Garage Renovation and is familiar with the challenges and difficulties facing the garage and plaza above it. It is our professional opinion that the garage and plaza have served their purpose and any additional short-term approaches would be ineffective. It is time for the City to take bold action and proceed with the complete demolition and redesign of this precious urban and civic space.

Re-imagining the Barney Allis Plaza not only makes economic sense, but also provides an opportunity to polish and re-enliven this hidden gem at the heart of our Downtown. We have first-hand experienced the amazing transformation of the Downtown and our neighboring communities over the last decade. It is time this important city block catches up to reflect this growth by becoming the welcoming front yard to our Downtown.

This project was already important to the future of the City, but it is even more crucial now for the well-being of our city. This unprecedented global crisis has proven how critical access to public space is for urban environments. It will be a testament to our city and its residents' resilience and optimism.

This is another unique and important step for the future of Kansas City, and you have the ability and power to shape a better and healthier Downtown for all of us and future generations. We wholeheartedly support this project, and we urge you to pass this ordinance.

Thank you for your dedication to our City and for all of your hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Amirahmadi, AIA
Principal

Majid Amirahmadi, AIA
Principal

April 10, 2020

Dear Mayor Lucas and Kansas City, Missouri Councilmembers:

As a long-time supporter of and advocate for downtown Kansas City, McCownGordon Construction highly recommends the City Council support Ordinance No. 200225 to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

Along with many prominent businesses anchored downtown, McCownGordon actively invests in Kansas City and has for more than 20 years. Now, more than ever, we urge the city to continue to invest in its own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project, even in these challenging times.

Since its founding, McCownGordon has always been a passionate advocate for developing a thriving downtown. We have always invested in the downtown community, constructing and renovating many of its buildings, supporting the civic and philanthropic communities and actively engaging in efforts to create a thriving economic region. We reinvested again when we built and opened our brand-new corporate headquarters building at 9th and Main less than one year ago.

This unprecedented time makes investing in downtown—especially in development that will move the needle on conventions and parking—essential to igniting growth in Kansas City when the recovery begins. We understand the City, along with the rest of the world, makes difficult decisions every day related to COVID-19 pandemic. But maintaining our momentum requires continuing to prioritize needed projects that will carry the City forward.

I, along with my entire Leadership Team, strongly encourage you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our lasting and continued support in ensuring Kansas City retains and expands its reputation as a great place to live and work, as well as a thriving center for cultural and economic success in our region.

Sincerely,

Ramin Cherifat
Chief Executive Officer



Ordinance No. 200225 Submitted Testimony to City Clerk

When I first moved to Kansas City in 2013, I lived 3 blocks from Barney Allis Plaza for over 2 years. I was extremely excited to live downtown in a thriving metropolitan community. I made it a point to visit as many restaurants, bars, parks, public places and attractions as frequently as possible in an effort to learn my way around our City, and truly feel at home as a new Kansas Citian. The fact that it took me 7 years to even learn the name of Barney Allis Plaza, when I walked past it weekly during my first couple of years in Kansas City, is evidence enough that the property is in need of an update. So much of downtown has been able to discover the best version of itself in the past 5-10 years that it is difficult to imagine this property doesn't have something more inspiring to provide to the people of Kansas City and our visitors. It is my hope through this effort that Barney Allis Plaza is seen in a new light and given the opportunity to show it's true potential to Kansas City, and those privileged to visit our home.

- Corey Albrecht
Project Manager, JE Dunn Construction
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As a family that lives, works and plays in KC, the restoration of Barney Allis Plaza and the parking garage should be considered a priority. There is a need for additional parking for the Downtown Convention center, P&L, Kaufman and the Sprint Center. Additionally, the addition of a park for the 1,000's of downtown residence and visitors would bolster KCMO's stance as one of the greatest cities in the United States.

- Jeff Blaesing
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Please consider replacement of the Barney Allis Plaza Garage. I work downtown and I frequently parked in the garage prior to becoming aware of the current structural issues. The current garage is a safety hazard and the configuration of the plaza above just isn't a very attractive space. Replacement of the garage will be far more efficient and effective than some sort of short term repair. Replacement of the garage and development of a more engaging plaza/ park above the garage would draw people to this area and would have a positive economic impact on the surrounding businesses.

I appreciate you consideration of this request.

- Tom Bartelli
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I work downtown and am excited at the possibility that the Barney Allis Plaza, a major eye sore and safety hazard, will be redeveloped. If it were a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment to spend time, it would be an ideal spot to meet up with friends, co-workers, family and all the surrounding businesses would thrive. Thanks for allowing me to voice my opinion.

- Nicholas Bock
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I would like to write and express my desire to see the BARney Allis Garage replaced and improved. It has been good to see all the redevelopment downtown the last 15 years, and it would be nice to have a newer, safer garage. In addition, renovating the park on top will be a great asset as well.

Thanks,

– Clark Bowden

To the members of the Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee,
My name is Jared Campbell. I reside at 21 W 10th St, Unit 6E. I am submitting public testimony today in support of Ordinance No. 200255. I write today as a downtown resident, president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and member of the Board of Trustees of City Trusts. Each of these classifications has a vested interest in seeing Barney Allis redeveloped. Barney Allis is the first impression that many people experience of Kansas City as they travel downtown to stay at a hotel, see a show at the Music Hall or attend a function at the convention center. Unfortunately, the current status of Barney Allis does not present a great picture of the strides we have made in revitalizing downtown or the great things happening throughout our city. Underground, some of the parking is unusable due to safety concerns with crumbling concrete. On top, the plaza is barren and not symbolic of a city with a reputation for having incredible green spaces.

The planning for a redeveloped Barney Allis has been going very well. The team assembled to help guide the city through the process is truly world-class. I commend the city council for selecting such a group of talented individuals. As someone who has attended the stakeholder meetings from the beginning, I can attest to the great work that has been done to this point to help plan for a new Barney Allis. I ask you to support the ordinance before you today so the planning work can continue through July. It is important to keep the planning work on course so the new Barney Allis can be built and open in time for the National League of Cities convention and the NFL Draft. Barney Allis serves as a critical piece of infrastructure for downtown. Not only does it provide important parking to workers coming into downtown, but more importantly it provides parking to out-of-town visitors who have come here to spend nights in our hotels, visit our shops and eat at our restaurants. The plaza on top has so much potential to be a signature park for downtown that will be a draw to downtown residents as well as people from throughout Kansas City and the metro region. Barney Allis Plaza has the potential to be our version of Bryant Park in New York City or Union Square in San Francisco.

Thank you for your considering my request to support this ordinance.

– Jared Campbell

Please fix up the Barney Allis Plaza. It's currently an eye sore and a safety hazard. As KC continues to grow and become a world class city, this area needs to be brought up with its surroundings. Please make it a priority so we can keep the City growing. Thanks for allowing me to voice my opinion.

– Chris Catron



Dear Mayor Lucas & KCMO City Council Members, Thank you so much for your bold leadership during these difficult times. I, Joanne M. Collins, former city council member and Chair of the KCMO Climate Protection Steering Committee, am writing in support of Ordinance 200225 to provide limited, but essential funds to continue planning for the "green space" in the real heart of our city and the necessary replacement parking for our municipal buildings, hotels, YMCA and schools. Please show your support for our downtown community infrastructure by voting for the funding.

– Joanne M. Collins

As an employee in downtown KCMO, I have seen the recent redevelopment of the downtown area and would like to see that continue with a new BAP, including the outdated parking structure and the park on top of the garage. Thank you,

– Kyler Cowser

Dear Madam Chair and members of the committee:

The Builders' Association would like to express our support of Ordinance No. 200225 which you will deliberate on today. This ordinance will authorize extra funding for the Barney Allis Plaza reconstruction project through July.

The parking structure under the park has served our city and that part of downtown well over several decades. Heavy use and salt has taken a toll on it and it is now in need of a complete makeover. That garage is very important to the businesses in the area and to Municipal Auditorium and the convention center.

The park above, which is not a part of our famed Parks Department, has always been beautiful with the fountains and its overall design, but it has never turned into the community space we all thought it would. It would be helpful to bring it more level to the street and totally redesign it into a destination park. It could become a smaller version of Discovery Park in downtown Houston (which has a parking garage under it and it sits directly across the street from the city's convention center).

A new Barney Allis Plaza would be a catalyst for growth and increased activity on the western side of downtown. Even more important during this time, though, it is critical to keep progress moving in KC as we find ourselves in an unprecedented time.

This is an important redevelopment project for Kansas City. I urge you to pass this ordinance favorably out of committee.

Thanks for the hard and continual work you all do for our city.

– Allen Dillingham

The Builders' Association



In regard to this ordinance, the Downtown Council, a non-profit organization representing over 200 businesses, organizations and property owners, working to create and maintain a vibrant and sustainable urban community, supports moving forward expeditiously with the process to build a new garage and public space at Barney Allis Plaza. The existing garage cannot be fully utilized - currently, at least 250 of the 900 spaces are closed due to safety concerns and the City is constantly monitoring the garage for potential safety issues/concerns and high costs to maintain due to the age and deterioration of the facility. Recall the concern last year when a chunk of ceiling fell through the roof of a car – luckily no one was inside.

The Downtown Council, via our Open Space Committee, which includes representatives from the Downtown Neighborhood Association, hotels, and businesses adjacent to Barney Allis Plaza, has been actively studying ways to improve the garage and plaza since 2017 when we first partnered with the City to bring the Urban Land Institute - KC District Council in to study the plaza and garage. Barney Allis Plaza and the Auditorium Plaza Garage are strategically important and provide critical parking supply for conventioners, tourists, visitors, employees and residents accessing Bartle Hall, Municipal Auditorium, KC Marriott Downtown, Aladdin and Crowne Plaza Hotels as well as other surrounding businesses. The plaza and garage should be a showcase - instead, the facility is deteriorating and even dangerous.

We understand that the City Council will be making difficult budget decisions in the upcoming months. We urge the City Council to prioritize the Barney Allis redevelopment and authorize the funds to continue the progress made thus far. This project is shovel-ready, keeps Kansas Citians working, and positions Kansas City to emerge even stronger from this current economic downturn. Kansas City must be prepared to greet visitors from all over the U.S. (and world) to the National League of Cities Conference in November 2022 and the NFL Draft in April 2023.

Both events present incredible opportunities to shine a spotlight on our thriving city.

Please join us by giving your support to reconstruct the parking and plaza at Barney Allis.

– Ann Holliday

Vice President, Downtown Council of Kansas City

I work in downtown KCMO and attend many events downtown where I try to use the BAP garage to park. Every time we're in the garage my wife comments about whether or not it's safe to be parking there. I also have a lot of family and friends from out of town that attend events at Bartle and the municipal auditorium and park in the garage. More often times than not, their first comments are about something they saw in the garage or having trouble parking there.

A scary parking garage is not what we want to be a topic of conversation for someone from out of town to have with others when they go back home from KC.

– Tracy King



Dear Council,

I strongly support the reconstruction of the Barney Allis Plaza and parking. The need for open public space and parking in Downtown is greatly needed, and especially as we look forward to hosting several large public events in the future. These events such as the NFL Draft and League of Cities will bring a large groups of people who should find a thriving downtown area with plenty of open businesses, parking, green space and other amenities found in larger cities. I urge the City Council to prioritize the Barney Allis redevelopment and put Kansas Citians to work building a great space for all to enjoy for many years to come.

– Kevin LaBranche

Good afternoon

I believe the Barney Allis Plaza Garage should continue down the road for construction. Please keep our downtown safe.

– Sara Meeks, Scheduler
JE Dunn Construction

As a 5-year resident of the downtown loop I have marveled at the growth that has taken place around me. Landmark destinations, national conferences, marque sports events and top-notch entertainment are starting to define our fair city. But without a mass transit system residents of outlying areas and visitors alike routinely are forced to park their cars in dilapidated structures or far from their destination. I have attended many social gatherings and pop-up events at Barney Allis plaza and am all too familiar with its current state. Not only is the park above an opportunity for oasis in a downtown area with little green space, but the parking below is an ideal location for nearby hotels, conventions and events.

An update to this parking garage would be a welcome and needed use of prime real estate for residents, businesses and visitors near and far.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate the needs for the betterment of our city of fountains.

– Eric Miller
Preconstruction, JE Dunn Construction

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to reach out regarding the Barney Allis Redevelopment Project as I believe strongly that it would provide extraordinary benefit to our community. This will help our city sustain large scale meetings and events allowing KC to get on the map nationally.

Please let this message illustrate my feelings for the construction of this project.

– Sean Mitchell
Project Engineer, JE Dunn Construction



The city of Kansas City is in need of more parking spaces in numerous areas. I am in support of the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment to create safe areas to park in and an area that will draw people into the city. Once the pandemic is over for the Coronavirus, our citizens will appreciate this space.

- Cassie Morrison
Project Manager, JE Dunn Construction
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I am writing to express my strong support for this ordinance because we must continue the momentum and energy to create a vibrant city and region. We have the unique opportunity to transform a key property in the heart of downtown from what is now a dangerous, expensive eyesore to a healthier, more welcoming place for EVERYONE, including our families and visitors to this great city. Together, we invest in our community when we make people happier, healthier, and more connected. It is clear that a more activated, re-imagined Barney Allis will add real value and is another key step in moving our city forward.

Thanks for your consideration and commitment to our shared public realm.

- James Pfeiffer
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I would love to see the a clean-up effort of the Barney Allis Plaza. It's currently an eye sore for the City and a huge safety hazard. If it was safe and more modern it would be an ideal spot to meet up with friends, co-workers, family and would go a long way for the businesses downtown. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion.

- Jim Schneider
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Additional parking is essential to the millions of people that visit our downtown area. There are so many areas downtown where people cannot park because they are reserved for businesses. Visitors, who do not know the rules and how our downtown is laid out, are likely to get a citation for parking in the wrong place. The completion of this project may help reduce the hassle that some visitors face every day. Having worked downtown in the past, I've seen many unfortunates receive parking citations that could be avoided with additional parking that is easy to spot.

- Fred Smith
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Dear Mayor and Members of KC City Council,

As a Kansas City Metro resident and a person who works in the heart of downtown KC, MO, I am very excited to hear about the possibility of renovating Barney Allis Plaza. I attended a concert at The Music Hall a couple of months ago and was shocked at the current state of the garage. It felt extremely unsafe and was definitely a major eyesore. I also attended the KC Auto Show a few weeks ago and saw the opportunity for such an ideal spot for people to hang out and meet with friends and family, if it were updated and cleaned up. With the proximity to P&L, Sprint Center, the new Loews Hotel, the Muni, etc., it has a perfect location that could potentially be the center of attention in that area. Appreciate this opportunity to voice my opinion and look forward to seeing a revitalization of Barney Allis.

– Zack Smith

Senior Project Manager, JE Dunn Construction

Dear Mayor and Members of KC City Council,

As a Kansas Citian who works downtown every day I have marveled at the growth and development that I have seen throughout downtown and I am especially excited about the prospects for a new and improved BAP.

Between the P&L, Sprint center, KPAC, new Lowes hotel, so much has happened to make downtown a better place to work. And for that matter a better place to visit. I hope as you consider a new BAP, that it not only improves the outdated parking structure, that is dangerous quite frankly and sometimes feels like is was built 100 years ago, but that you also consider what would be replacing the park on top of the garage and make that park something that adds to the quality of life that is so important for an urban downtown environment.

Not all my counterparts live in Kansas City, but we all work here and share my sentiments.

– Darcy Stewart

Just a note to show my support for the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment project. I'm a KC resident and I work and play downtown. I'd love to see some life breathed into this block. This spot has so much potential to become something fantastic for KC residents and also for the guests that stay in the hotels in the area. Currently, it's kind of a scary place to park and the plaza is an eyesore but it could be so much more. I've seen downtown transform so much since I moved to the River Market in 2000 and I'm really excited about the possibilities for BAP. I love this city and I'm excited about our future. Thanks for listening.

– Mitch Swymeler



Dear Mayor Lucas, City Council Members, and City Staff,

As an activate resident of Kansas City MO downtown I believe we should build on the momentum for positive change in KC. KCMO will be more attractive than ever after the COVID-19 response. This crisis is bringing everyone closer to nature, behavior is changing, it is creating a rapid period of innovation and workplace evolution. We are well-positioned to emerge from this unprecedented global event as a healthier, more vibrant city for family and visitors. We strongly believe that moving the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment project forward is important as it capitalizes on the continued success of the downtown redevelopment. The plaza redevelopment is a critical node within the city and has the opportunity to shape and activate the west side of downtown.

– April Trotter
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I support this ordinance and the redevelopment of Barney Allis Plaza. i'm pastor of the Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11th and Broadway. I believe that an improvement to that property will help the many people who call Kansas City home, as well as those who come to visit. It will also provide work for some who need it, and a place of pride that all Kansas Citians - the poor and the rich - can enjoy.

– Father Paul Turner

As a loft owner at 609 Central St and a former employee of Visit KC I believe Barney Allis Plaza can be an economic catalyst and a massive contribution to the culture of Downtown KC. This amenity needs to updated and the progress that's already been made to do so can't be stopped! Please support this project and all it can do for the community of downtown residents and visitors by voting to appropriate funds to continue it through July 2020!

– Dustin Wolfe

To Whom it May Concern:

It sure would be nice to fix up the Barney Allis Plaza. It's currently an eye sore and a safety hazard. If it were a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment to spend time, it would be an ideal spot to meet up with friends, co-workers, family and all the surrounding businesses would thrive. Thanks for allowing me to voice my opinion.

– Jason Wright