

BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GREATER KC



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Sent Via Email

Mayor Quinton Lucas
Office of the Mayor
City of Kansas City, Missouri
212 E. 12th Street, 29th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Reference: Ordinance No. 201080

Dear Mayor Lucas:

As one of Kansas City's oldest standing, Black business organizations, the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City would like to thank you and Council members for the leadership you have provided during this time of global crisis. We continue to be confident about Kansas City and its future.

The continued revitalization of downtown is very important to repositioning the Greater Kansas City region for future success. We believe work toward this effort should not stop.

The Barney Allis Redevelopment Project presents the City an opportunity to continue this work. As such, we encourage the City Council to support Ordinance No. 201080, to continue the revitalization progress.

We believe there can be an advantage to moving the Project along at this time. A shovel ready Project of this nature, if approved could garner potential Federal infrastructure and/or stimulus funding.

By approving the Project now, we will be in position to recover 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 businesses invested in Downtown and the various Black Chamber members and their employees engaged on the Project.

On behalf of the membership, I thank you and the City Council for your public service during this extraordinary time of crisis, and for your confidence in our city's future.

Sincerely,

Kelvin W. Perry
President

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