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Hello,

As a resident of Kansas City and supporter of our environment and clean, healthy sustainable communities I support Ordinance 220961. We need to take every step we can to ensure our communities are livable, healthier and sustainable for ourselves, families and future generations.

By ensuring we save trees when land used is for development is one way to help combat climate change, and it also will mean healthier communities. Old trees sequester more carbon than newly planted ones, tree canopies help reduce cooling costs and also reduce temperatures for citizens on the pavement.

Developers have a responsibilities to their communities, if we are going to let them continue to take green space and tear down forests they should be required to save as many trees as possible.

Thank you,  
Madison Varca