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My name is Carmelle Armstrong and I am a Kansas City resident. I support ordinance 220961.

- We need to do everything we can to combat the climate crisis, and create a livable, healthier future for ourselves and our families. That includes holding developers accountable for what they do with land and trees in KC.
- Without intervention, the city's tree canopy will lose 330 acres a year.
- Growing urban forest was one of the strategies listed in the [city's climate plan](#). Plans mean nothing if we don't act on them.
- Urban forests help to reduce air and water pollution.
- Older trees sequester much more carbon than newly planted ones.
- Trees help with heating and cooling costs.
- Trees can improve physical and mental health and strengthen social connections.
- Our mayor supports this ordinance, and so does Mothers Out Front Kansas City.

Thank you for your time,  
Carmelle Armstrong