Outlook

Opposition to changes in Ordinance 260286

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Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council,

My name is Mary Dollins, and I am a resident of the 4th district in Kansas City. I am writing in opposition to the affordable housing changes included in Ordinance 260286.

Reducing the “in-lieu-of” fee from $100,000 to $5,000 per unit would significantly weaken one of the city’s most important tools for ensuring that public incentives create real community benefit.

This change was introduced without meaningful input from the public or housing experts. That lack of transparency is deeply concerning—especially for a decision that will directly impact housing affordability.

I urge you to remove the affordable housing provisions from this ordinance and allow time for proper public engagement and review.
Kansas City residents deserve transparency, accountability, and policies that put community first.

Thanks,
Mary Dollins