Public Testimony – Jeff Plantern 4.15.2026

If it is not too late, I want to voice my support for Ordinance 260286. The affordable housing set aside has resulted in few if any affordable units actually being built. The costly requirements have made it difficult to build in KCMO and as a result Kansas has taken the lead in apartment construction while the City of Kansas City sees large rent increases due to a lack of new supply.

My only other comment is that any prevailing wage or M/WBE requirements should not apply to projects in continually distressed neighborhoods or to smaller projects (ie. less than 75 units). Those areas need all the investment that they can get and those requirements add additional costs that are hard to overcome on smaller deals especially.

Can you confirm if this makes it to you in time?

Jeff