

Dear Chairman Lucas and Committee,

KC 4 Safe Streets does not support ordinance #210182. Street racing. reckless driving, blocking intersections, vandalism and littering are already illegal. Making something more illegal is not the solution, and often comes with undue criminalization of black, brown, and minority communities. Kansas City had a safe and legal facility in KC International Raceway until November of 2011. KCIR was an outlet for legal racing and created a safe and enjoyable facility for such activities. Unfortunately, the City of Kansas City purchased this facility, demolished it, and replaced it with a park leaving no outlet for these activities but our city streets.

Rather than further criminalizing this activity, we seek to encourage the city to work with developers and partners to find a new facility to replace KCIR, as well as address our built environment that makes it possible to drag race side by side or preform burnouts and sideshows in our intersections. By altering our built environment to reduce the ability to speed, race, or do burnouts and sideshows, we would create a safer street environment with less noise, and less vandalism, and less violence.





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