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Council Member Katheryn Shields,

Neighborhoods, businesses & service organizations together urge you to VOTE NO on Ordinance #220276. This proposed ordinance will create more problems for the people of Kansas City than it solves. It is unclear & ambiguous, and while the intent is not clearly known, the harmful impact of the ordinance is apparent to us all.

Ordinance #220276

>> Sections 50-107 -Tenting without the consent of the owner

>> Section 50-161 Loitering

There should be no change to current laws regarding loitering and tenting (setting up encampments on any properties). This proposed ordinance will give the city, or our neighbors, the right to set up tent encampments on any property that they own or lease (including vacant buildings, lots, public buildings & private yards). There should also always be ample neighborhood input into the process to provide additional housing regardless of the developer (city or private). This ordinance will also make it harder to quickly stop intrusive loitering activities on the spot.

These changes appear to be clearly designed to allow temporary homeless camps in neighborhoods and to make it hard to stop them. It pits neighborhoods against the homeless, the city against neighborhoods and the homeless against law enforcement, unnecessarily. As it is written, reasonable people have totally different perceptions of what it says. It is simply too confusing. If it is challenged in court, it becomes a waste of our taxpayer resources. We ask that instead, you work with our neighborhoods, businesses, those impacted and the housing industry to successfully create dignified housing for those who need it. The housing industry has submitted multiple proposals to help

I, along with KC Regional Housing Alliance ask that you VOTE NO on ordinance #220276.

The city needs to do better for all of us!

I strongly discourage the legalization of tenting and encampments. Living in a tent is NOT a "solution" to homelessness and shouldn't be encouraged. I work in homeless services and daily I see the all the barriers homeless people encounter when trying to get housing. Our time, effort, and resources would be much better spent removing those barriers through initiatives like lowering rents, building more affordable housing, relaxing some building codes to allow smaller houses, and putting incentives in place for landlords to rent to "higher risk" tenants (felons, sex offenders, those with evictions or bad rental history, those on fixed incomes, etc.). I implore you to vote "No" on this resolution.

Sincerely,

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