



December 13, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mayor Quinton Lucas  
Kansas City – City Hall, Office of the Mayor  
414 E 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 221064- SomeraRoad – West Bottoms Redevelopment Proposal

Dear Mayor Lucas,

Since its founding in 1974, Historic Kansas City (HKC) has been the only greater Kansas City nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the area's heritage, neighborhoods, and historic built environment. Through advocacy, public policy, outreach, and educational programming, HKC is an advocate for the thoughtful and meaningful preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, landscapes, and neighborhoods.

Historic Kansas City wants to thank SomeraRoad for the opportunity to meet with members of the development team involved in the West Bottoms Redevelopment proposal. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the process as you continue to collaborate with stakeholders, and believe that a cooperative approach involving all relevant stakeholders is key to the success of projects like this one.

SomeraRoad and their proposed project will be transformative for both the neighborhood and the city. SomeraRoad has shown a willingness and desire to engage with the West Bottoms community and stakeholders and has proposed to redevelop as many as 22 acres. Their proposal respects the great history of the West Bottoms by preserving several historic buildings, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which will bring new activity, investment, and people to a long-underserved area in Kansas City.

The thoughtful combination of historic preservation, investment in long overdue infrastructure improvements, new residences and public gathering spaces will transform an important piece of Kansas City's history and downtown into a vibrant mixed-use district. Thoughtful preservation of historically significant buildings through adaptive reuse, including the Perfection Stove Building, Crooks Terminal Building, the Moline Plow warehouse and others, will ensure that these important pieces of history are preserved and reused as part of the future of the West Bottoms.

We look forward to continuing to work with SomeraRoad on this important effort to revitalize the West Bottoms in what will surely be a transformative partnership between the West Bottoms Community, SomeraRoad and the City of Kansas City.

Best regards,

Vicki Noteis, President

Lisa Lassman Briscoe, Executive Director

cc (via email): Andrew Donchez, SomeraRoad  
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HKC Board of Directors