

April 9, 2020

Dear Council Members and Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at **Vireo Planning and Design** strongly urge the City Council to support Ordinance No. 200225, to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.


Along with many prominent businesses anchored downtown, **Vireo** is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 25 years. Now, more than ever, we encourage the City to continue to invest in their own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project - even during these challenging times.

Our City has made great strides over the past 20 years at rebuilding our downtown and creating a vibrant place to live, work and play. Although the first 20 years wasn't easy, it happened, but now we must reinvest in our aging infrastructure for growth to continue for another 20 years.

We understand that the City, along with the rest of the world, is making difficult decisions every day related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By moving this project forward now, the City will be ready to revive the momentum on downtown development and the local economy when this situation subsides. Reinvesting in the Barney Allis parking garage and plaza also demonstrates your support of our business, convention, hotel and tourism industries as they recover from the economic downturn.

As a representative from **Vireo**, I urge you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our continual support in establishing Kansas City as a desirable place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,



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