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RE: Support for Ordinance No. 250809

Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers:

I write to express our enthusiastic support for Ordinance No. 240155, which will be heard in the Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The passing of this ordinance and the completion of the Roy Blunt Luminary Park is a necessary step to continue the impressive progress made over the last two decades in the revitalization, resurgence, and growth of Kansas City's downtown. To date, the project has benefited by a strong partnership between the private and public sector. It is vital that this support continues.

I have had the privilege to be involved in numerous developments during my time in Kansas City, and with that experience I am certain just how transformative the Roy Blunt Luminary Park will be for the downtown area. By reconnecting two iconic downtown neighborhoods, the project will be a catalyst for the area, spurring development for years to come. The project will increase the attractiveness of the Power & Light District to conventioners and other tourists in Western Missouri (and beyond). The project will increase the desirability for a variety of targeted tenants within the Power & Light District and the Crossroads Neighborhood. Once completed, the Roy Blunt Luminary Park and its related infrastructure investments will quickly accelerate development in downtown Kansas City.

Roy Blunt Luminary Park will be a flagship area for downtown Kansas City, and will include green spaces and park amenities that Kansas Citians can enjoy and be proud of. Your support of the Roy Blunt Luminary Park is vital to continuing Kansas City's momentum, and I urge you to support Ordinance No. 250809 to ensure the project comes to fruition.

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Very truly yours,

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Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Jerry Riffel' and the second is 'Alex Reed'.

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