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Council Members,

Ordinance 230418 does not prevent a landfill in any area of Kansas City, it merely postpones a decision for one year. This only allows the developer and their lobbyist time to refine their tactics and apply pressure on local politicians and decisions makers.

The following neighboring cities, school districts and organizations stand in solidarity in their opposition to the proposed landfill:

City of Raymore
City of Lee's Summit
City of Grandview
City of Belton
City of Peculiar
City of Lake Winnebago
Cass County
Jackson County
Lee's Summit School District
Grandview School District
Raymore-Peculiar School District
Belton School District
South Metropolitan Fire Protection District
Raymore, Lee's Summit, Grandview, Belton, South KC, Harrisonville Chambers of Commerce; Cass County Coalition of Chambers
Lake Winnebago HOA
Lee's Summit Economic Development Council
Raymore Parks & Recreation Board
Creekmoor Property Owners Association & Cooper Land Development
Missouri Municipal League (MML)
U.S. Representatives Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) and Mark Alford (R-MO) have

joined together in a bipartisan effort to oppose a landfill project in South Kansas City.

Why is Kansas City not on the list of those opposing a landfill?

A Missouri Senate filibuster by Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, R-Arnold, denied a vote on HB909 which would have extended a landfill buffer to one mile. Thus, allowing input from the citizens of Raymore and Lee's Summit who will be affected by a proposed landfill.

Coleman said the legislation is additional regulation on "an incredibly regulated industry." "It is narrowly written legislation that doesn't protect most Missourians," Coleman said. "Its sole purpose is to stop a female-owned business and (put) an operator out of business."

The issue was never who owned the landfill. The issue is the landfill itself.

A new landfill located anywhere within the city limits of Kansas City is not necessary. A landfill located within the Longview Area Plan will be detrimental to the health and prosperity of thousands of people, curtail residential development, and will blight the area for decades to come.

I urge the Council to act now and pass an ordinance banning all new landfills within Kansas City.

Sincerely,
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