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Hello

My name is Bobby Evans. I have lived in Volker on and off for 20 years. I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed parking code updates. Removing parking minimums is an important step towards implementing the goals and recommendations of the Kansas City Spirit Playbook and the Climate Action Plan.

For the last 80+ years our city's decision-making has prioritized space for cars above all else, including the needs of people. Clearly this isn't working. Kansas City is choked with empty surface parking lots where once stood an incredibly vibrant, walkable city. We spend more on debt service for parking garages, mostly less than half full, than we do on Vision Zero, bike infrastructure, safe routes to school, and pedestrian safety project COMBINED. This is all due to outdated, and frankly counterproductive mandatory parking minimums. Now is the time to stop this madness.

One last note, the underlying support for these parking minimums in the ITE Guide Book is breathtakingly thin. For example, the number of spaces required for a movie theatre is based on a single study from a movie theater in Phoenix, AZ from 1980. Dig deeper into that document and one can only come away with the conclusion that these parking ratios are totally arbitrary.

I urge you to adopt these important changes. Thank you for taking time to read this. I am happy to provide more information or have a longer conversation on this topic at the City's request.

Thanks!

Bobby

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