



Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development Reform

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Kansas City Council Members
Mayor Quinton Lucas
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RE: Ordinance #200122 to establish a new PIEA at 9th and Grand

Dear Mayor Q and Councilmembers,

The Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development reform is writing to you in opposition to **Ordinance 200122** which would establish yet another PIEA in an area that has been over-subsidized and no longer needs taxpayer assistance.

The area in question, 9th and Grand, is surrounded by TIF, PIEA and LCRA zones and have already maxed out on incentives. There is no reason to create yet another PIEA in this location. If anything, the buildings may qualify for historic tax credits, but we do not believe that our public services should be asked to support this in any way.

Furthermore, the blight designation that was given is based on old census data. We are confident that new census data will reveal this area to be completely capable of attracting new development without taxpayer assistance.

Finally, with the testimony from KCPS yesterday in committee, we are disappointed to learn the project being considered is for another hotel. Most of this council has gone on record saying that you would be opposed to incentivizing another hotel project downtown. With Loews opening up in a few months and the city on the hook for that bad deal, we wonder what reasoning could be used to incentivize another hotel?

This council does not need to continue paving the way for incentivized projects in the downtown core and a yes vote would do just that. We can do much better than this. Please vote no.

Sincerely,
The Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development Reform