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### NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: May 14, 2026

To:

The City Council of Kansas City, Missouri  
The City Manager, Kansas City, Missouri  
Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks Shaw  
City Hall, 414 E. 12th St.  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Block Real Estate Services, LLC  
4622 Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 700  
Kansas City, MO 64112

Superintendent  
Hickman Mills School District  
9000 Old Santa Fe Road  
Kansas City, MO 64138

### RE: DEMAND TO CEASE AND DESIST UNAUTHORIZED USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - Resolution No. 260322

To All Addressed Parties:

This correspondence serves as a formal, legal notice that all recipient parties are currently using my proprietary intellectual property in an unauthorized state. Demand is hereby made that all parties immediately cease and desist any and all use of my property. This includes its application within the strategy, planning, and drafting of Resolution No. 260322.

I have dedicated years to our local school system as well as a pillar in the community, providing sports outlets for our youth. I have met directly with the district's operations department to build better athletic opportunities for our youth, resources for a better field outside of the school district, providing them with my business plan. When meeting with HMC-1 I was redirected to Block providing my business plan that outlines what the community needs in respect to sports, resources and community engagement. As the President and Founder of the **Youth Empowerment Readiness Program (YERP)**, I have fought tirelessly to secure funding to support our youth across all sports. Previously, we reached out to city

officials regarding the remodeling of South Kansas City for youth sports. This included specific requests for lights and remodeling for *The Bay Water Park* football area. We were explicitly informed by city officials that our project was not picked, and the city turned down this proposal. Furthermore, I have spoken directly to city officials, including Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw, to request funding specifically for this build to uplift our failing community. In the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem I outlined my business plan and was turned down for funding. Despite these extensive efforts, we have not been awarded any funding. Now, my exact proprietary business plan is being depicted and used without my consent. The city is using it to execute the very vision I have been trying to achieve in the community for years.

I provided my comprehensive business plan directly to Block Real Estate Services, the Hickman Mills School District Superintendent, Hickman Mills School District former Operations Department and Mayor Pro Tem. This plan was handed over directly to Block Realty under the clear impression that they were working *with* us to advance this community mission, not against us. The Superintendent of the Hickman Mills School District was also fully privy to this information. This intellectual property was shared under the strict condition that it was to be used exclusively to assist the YERP organization in its mission.

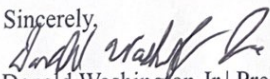
Instead, this property has been misappropriated to advance a municipal resolution. The involvement of commercial real estate entities like Block Real Estate Services reveals a trajectory focused on city-managed profit and corporate revenue extraction. The municipality and private firms are profiting off our youth. This initiative must be a community-led effort. The community must come together to manage and benefit from these programs. Control must stay localized within the community it is meant to serve.

Demand is hereby made that the City of Kansas City, Block Real Estate Services, the Hickman Mills School District, Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks Shaw and all affiliated parties:

1. **Cease and Desist:** Immediately halt any and all unauthorized use of the YERP business plan, frameworks, concepts, and related intellectual property in all city documents, development strategies, public records, and plans related to Resolution No. 260322.
2. **Freeze Project Progression:** Suspend all further progression, meetings, and requests for ideas (RFI) regarding the urban youth sports facility until a formal resolution regarding the ownership and authorized parameters of this intellectual property is reached.
3. **Return Control to the Community:** Restructure the framework of this initiative to ensure that financial benefits and management control are directed to the community and the YERP organization, rather than municipal and corporate profits.

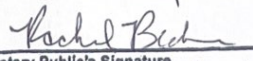
You are requested to provide a written response immediately confirming compliance with this demand and outlining the immediate steps taken to halt the unauthorized use of my property. Failure to comply may result in further legal remedies to protect the assets of the Youth Empowerment Readiness Program.

Sincerely,

  
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State of Missouri  
County of Jackson

This instrument was acknowledged before me  
on 15 day of May, 2024 by Rachel Becker

  
Notary Public's Signature  
My Commission Expires March 2, 2027

RACHEL BECKER  
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 2, 2027  
CASS COUNTY  
COMMISSION #23798414