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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I would like to request that the City Council postpone adopting the Kansas City Global Music Strategy as its official policy. While I am thankful for Creative Cities KC and the work they have put into this, I believe there needs to be a more collective effort with the music community in Kansas City, as well as a detailed analysis of the current state of the music community, including its economic impact. This would enable the City to be better informed and equipped to understand the needs of this community and how best to support them, allowing for a much larger impact on Kansas City.

Additionally, this burden should not fall on a single entity, but rather on a solid collaboration that best represents the full spectrum of the Kansas City music community. Many of the goals presented in Creative Cities' strategy are strong and will undoubtedly receive community support, having a positive impact; however, some areas require further study within the larger community. The Kansas City music scene is an expensive group of musicians, venues, organizations, producers, promoters, and stakeholders who deserve to be represented and supported by the City. By postponing this and allowing more input, including analysis and current economic impact, you will be able to see the full spectrum of the need and be better informed as to why this plan was put together.

I have been in the Kansas City Music Community for over 30 years. I am a musician, a manager and agent, a presenter, and a promoter. This effort should be handled with care, respect, and dignity. No one is against the other here. It is simply asking for more time to allow for the detail this deserves.

Sincerely,
Kelly Dougherty

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