

Dear Mayor Lucas,

My name is Natalie Foxworthy, and I am a resident in Kansas City and parents of two children in KCPS schools. I am writing in opposition to the affordable housing changes included in Ordinance 260286.

Reducing the “in-lieu-of” fee from \$100,000 to \$5,000 per unit would significantly weaken one of the city’s most important tools for ensuring that public incentives create real community benefit.

This change was introduced without meaningful input from the public or housing experts. That lack of transparency is deeply concerning, especially for a decision that will directly impact housing affordability and, in turn, KCPS students, families, and teachers.

When housing becomes unaffordable, families are pushed out, students are forced to change schools, and educators struggle to remain in the communities they serve. These are not abstract outcomes, they are real consequences of city policy decisions.

I urge you to remove the affordable housing provisions from this ordinance and allow time for proper public engagement and review.

Kansas City residents deserve transparency, accountability, and policies that put community first.

Thank you for your consideration,

Natalie Foxworthy