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KCMO City Council
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Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the KCMO City Council:

This letter is to inform the Mayor and the City Council that the University of Missouri-Kansas City Board of Trustees is opposed to the proposed rezoning of 5220 Troost Avenue from its current designation of R 1.5.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of civic, philanthropic, and community leaders. Our mission is to strengthen Kansas City's future by advocating for and supporting UMKC and its students. The Board of Trustees must keep the best long-term interest of the university in mind, and this proposal is counter to the vision for both the campus and the surrounding area.

Specifically, we, along with UMKC Chancellor Agrawal, are opposed to this recent proposal that the property be developed as a drug rehabilitation facility. These proposed changes would permit a variety of uses not suitable for the unique location of the property, which borders two universities and is adjacent to a nearby childcare facility.

In addition, this rezoning proposal does not align with the long-term vision for the area as outlined in the 2016 Midtown/Plaza Area Plan and the 2014 Troost Corridor Redevelopment Plan.

The UMKC Board of Trustees is committed to supporting a vibrant campus community that serves the needs of those who live and work within its borders. We are hopeful that you will join us in the opposition to the current rezoning

request as well as the proposed redevelopment of the property as a drug treatment center. We encourage the creation of a formal and comprehensive plan that would advance the needs of those who live and work in the community.

Respectfully,

UMKC Board of Trustees



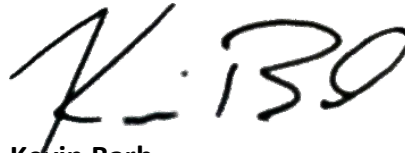
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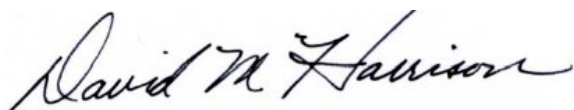
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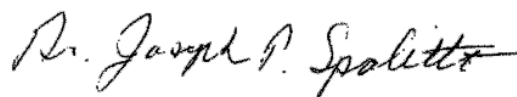
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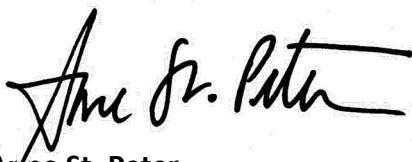
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