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My name is Tessa Ramirez. I am a resident of the Westside and reside at 2806 Summit St. KCMO 64108. I am writing to express my concern of providing tax abatement to those who are not long-term residents. This plan provides incentives and wiggle room for developers. For example, technically under this plan if I were to build a dense mix-use property, such as an office building, or industrial building, with 2 residential units that building would get tax benefits, so long as one of those units is leased to a moderate-income resident. Many developers look for tax incentives when deciding where to build, and this can be an opportunity for those who might not have the best interest of this community at hand come in and build. I believe that this plan should stickily be used to preserve long-term, low-income residents.

I suggest that the plan not be recommended/adopted as currently written and some thought should go into protecting the community against potential large developers.

-Tessa Ramirez

***The opinions stated in this letter are strictly my own opinions, and do not reflect my current employer.***