



Re: Ordinance No. 230160 – Letter of Support

Dear Finance Committee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Rockhurst University in support of Ordinance No. 230160 regarding the establishment of fund No. 2000, the Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund. We believe establishing this fund and the associated programs will enhance the violence prevention work in Kansas City.

Rockhurst has a beautiful campus in the middle of the city. Our campus community and neighbors' health and safety allow us to enjoy a vibrant environment where we invite guests and prospective students from the Greater Kansas City region and beyond. Unfortunately, there are many of our neighbors and community members who have been affected by the violent crime in our city. Sadly, a few individuals have lost their lives in our neighborhood over the past few years. This is not who we are or how we want our city to grow.

The University, a community of faith-justice, encourages the City to utilize funds to create prevention and intervention strategies that uplift the lives of young people and provide hope and prosperity to the most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen Hess, S.J.'.

Stephen Hess, S.J.

Vice-President for Mission and Ministry

cc: Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw
KC Common Good