

Mayor Quinton Lucas
Kansas City – City Hall, Office of the Mayor
414 E 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

December 6, 2022

RE: SomeraRoad – West Bottoms Redevelopment Proposal

Dear Mayor Lucas,

I am writing you to express my support for the proposed SomeraRoad redevelopment project in the West Bottoms, Kansas City.

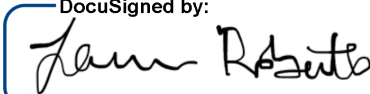
SomeraRoad has proven to be a valuable partner to the West Bottoms and Kansas City communities, and their proposed project will be transformative for both the neighborhood and the city. SomeraRoad has shown a willingness and desire to engage with the West Bottoms community and stakeholders and has proposed to redevelop as many as 26 acres. Their proposal honors and respects the great history of the West Bottoms by preserving several historic buildings, which will bring new activity, investment, and people to a long-underserved area in Kansas City.

The thoughtful combination of historic preservation, investment in long overdue infrastructure improvements, new residences and public gathering spaces will transform an important piece of Kansas City's downtown into a vibrant mixed-use district. Additionally, the construction of new residences will bring much needed new workforce and affordable housing to the city's downtown.

SomeraRoad has a long history of contributions to the city that include the redevelopment of the 3Y Building in the River Market and the Lightwell Building in Downtown Kansas City. SomeraRoad has also been an active member of our local community, sponsoring the Parade of Hearts and the Downtown Council Luncheon, supporting the Kansas City Area Development Council and KC Tech Council, and hosting many public programs and events at their properties, among other things.

We look forward to continuing to work with SomeraRoad on this important effort to revitalize the West Bottoms in what will surely be a transformative partnership between the West Bottoms Community, SomeraRoad and the City of Kansas City.

Sincerely,

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