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Hello councilpersons and Mayor Lucas.

A number of us have been closely following developments with regard to Ord. 240434, which would modify the city's current requirements for energy-efficient new construction.

The change proposed in Ord. 240434 is concerning as it appears it might undermine the intention of the more stringent energy efficiency standards embodied in the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. The council adopted the 2021 IECC standards - to apply to new construction only - about a year ago.

I understand that the revised language is now on the agenda for this Thursday's council meeting. I want to share with you some information I encountered over the weekend while searching the Web for pertinent facts.

I ran across an assessment by RESNET, the Residential Energy Services Network. RESNET was created in 1995 by the National Association of State Energy Officials (an unbiased source, I would guess). The task for RESNET is to establish national standards for building EE rating and certification systems.

Anyway, RESNET apparently claims that a HERS rating of 57 is a pretty good approximation of the 2021 IECC standards. At a recent meeting of the neighborhood committee, there was a lengthy discussion of what an appropriate HERS threshold might be - if in fact the council decides that we even need to add this alternative to the 2021 IECC standards that are currently in effect in kcmo.

I think it would be best to stay with the 2021 IECC standards that were approved a year ago. If, however, you think it's necessary to provide an alternative path to housing developers. I would urge you not to set the HERS standard higher than the 57 threshold endorsed by RESNET.

Thanks for your consideration.

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"Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. There is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. It is up to us."

- *the late astronomer Carl Sagan*