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Mayor Lucas, Members of the Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee and City Leadership,

I regret that I am unable to attend the committee meeting tomorrow in person due to another engagement, but I wanted to provide the following written comments for the record regarding the proposed Chronic Nuisance Ordinance No. 250966 on behalf of the Westport Regional Business League (WRBL).

Written Testimony – Kerrie Tyndall, Executive Director, Westport Regional Business League

Thank you to the City Councilmembers on this committee for taking the time to work through this ordinance and for listening to input from so many community partners. I also want to thank the Mayor's Office and their staff, especially Lace Cline, for working closely with the community throughout this process and for being so open to feedback from Westport and other CIDs.

It's clear that the concerns raised earlier were heard, especially around fairness, scope, and the impact on businesses.

This new version represents a balanced and collaborative approach. It addresses many of the issues that were discussed in conjunction with the original surface parking lot ordinance, particularly around how enforcement could work, what qualifies as a nuisance, and ensuring a fair process before any penalties are applied.

By focusing on chronic nuisance activity tied to repeated illegal behavior, rather than treating all properties as equally subject to enforcement concerns, this version creates a fairer, citywide standard that treats everyone consistently.

In Westport, we share the City's commitment to addressing chronic nuisance activity,

particularly where it impacts public safety. At the same time, we appreciate that this version of the ordinance takes a collaborative, problem-solving approach, emphasizing notice, communication, and abatement plans rather than immediately resorting to punitive action.

That framework gives responsible property owners and districts like ours the chance to partner with the City and KCPD to proactively resolve issues, a goal we've been working toward for several years.

Westport has already taken significant steps to improve safety and accountability in our district, including:

- Expanding our professional security staffing and camera coverage;
- Implementing a Good Neighbor Agreement to strengthen accountability with licensed businesses
- Establishing proactive management practices for private parking lots and garages, including consistent overnight patrols, additional lighting, signage, lot closures, and coordination with owners to deter loitering and illegal activity; and
- Working closely with KCPD and property owners to reduce incidents and strengthen community confidence.

These efforts have produced noticeable improvements in safety and quality of life for our district over time.

We sincerely appreciate the City's willingness to listen, and refine this ordinance based on lessons learned over the past year. We believe this version strikes the right balance, it holds individuals and businesses accountable while also empowering responsible property owners to work in partnership with the City and law enforcement to keep our neighborhoods safe and thriving.

Thank you again for your thoughtful work and for including our organization in the process.

Warm regards,



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