



Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee
414 E. 12th Street Kansas City, MO 64106

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Letter of Support re Ordinance #220981
Sponsor(s): Councilmembers Melissa Robinson and Brandon Ellington

Dear Council Members,

For over two years Community LINC Housing has had the pleasure of partnering with the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council while developing our attainable housing program. We aim to renovate and build new homes for households making 50% of AMI and have been supported by a variety of private and public funds to bring this vision into reality. Investing in the Ivanhoe Neighborhood was a priority of ours from the beginning based on our proximity and history of collaboration with a variety of neighborhood leaders and residents. We have engaged with the neighborhood council and residents on a variety of occasions, including over the summer to provide an update on new build design plans, project progress, and collect feedback on possible mutual benefit agreement initiatives. We fielded questions from the group, handed out material and contact information for any follow up. The residents were engaged in the process and are very appreciated partners.

To date, in the neighborhood we have purchased 2 homes for renovating, 1 lot to build a prototype passive home and have just confirmed options on 14 Land Bank lots. We are in the process of obtaining options on another 12 lots from Homesteading Authority. Within the next few years we hope to facilitate ~25 families moving into the neighborhood and therefore we will be relying on the Council to help make these new families feel welcome and supported by their neighbors.

Having a strong, well-funded neighborhood association is vital. We are incredibly excited to see what new leadership will bring to Ivanhoe's next chapter and fully support the proposed funding of \$175,000 of unrestricted funds. Ivanhoe has a long history of being a role model and inspiration for other Kansas City neighborhoods. We look forward to them being able to get back to work and continue improving their community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Anna White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anna" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

Anna White
Director of Operations
Community LINC Housing