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Mayor Lucas and City Council Members  
City of Kansas City, Missouri  
City Hall  
414 E. 12th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

As a donor to the Downtown Council of Kansas City's private fundraising effort, we strongly support the Roy Blunt Luminary Park project and urge your approval of Ordinance No. 250809.

This park will reconnect divided neighborhoods, creating a vibrant urban green space for all. It will host year-round events, strengthening community ties, and increased foot traffic will boost local businesses, driving economic growth.

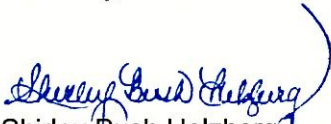
Kansas City is an international destination, and unique amenities like Roy Blunt Luminary Park set us apart. While attracting visitors, its greatest impact will be on residents and workers. This project offers a lasting legacy, uniting the city, strengthening economic development, and reflecting Kansas City's commitment to community, inclusivity, and shared well-being.

We have made a major lead gift to this transformative project for Kansas City. The philanthropic community fully supports it, and passing this ordinance is critical to its momentum and success.

We understand budget challenges, but we urge you to prioritize Roy Blunt Luminary Park and authorize funds to continue its progress. This is a transformational investment in our city's economic landscape and future vision.

Please light the way and pass Ordinance No. 250809.

Sincerely,

  
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