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To whom it may concern,

I am Catherine Haygen Chapman a Kansas City resident of over 50 years. I am very concerned about our strategies for the cities climate plan ! Trees are one of the easiest solutions for bringing down cooling costs and capturing carbon (older trees especially!) We must do EVERYTHING we can to combat climate crisis, and create a livable and healthier future for ourselves and our families. We MUST hold developers accountable for what they do with land and trees in Kansas City! When you are on streets and highways without trees, the heat is often unbearable. As soon as you reach a tree or an area with trees the difference in temperature is incredibly, wonderfully and noticeably lowered by degrees ! Urban trees are a necessity to reduce air and water pollution not to mention the beauty they add to areas. We MUST intervene, if not, the City's tree canopy will lose 330 acres a year ! I support this ordinance and want you to do so too ! Growing urban forests was one of the City's strategies listed in the City's Climate Plan. We MUST act on the plan or it means nothing !!! Protect the climate by protecting the older trees in Kansas City. We don't have time to waste, supporting this ordinance is a step in the right direction... don't let developers lead us astray... hold them accountable. Our trees improve physical and mental health and strengthen social connections! Thank you for supporting this ordinance and caring about the health and future of Kansas City!

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone