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Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee
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*Supplemental Copy to City Clerk at public.testimony@kcmo.org
Courtesy Copy to Larisa Chambi, Planning Supervisor*

RE: Please Oppose Ordinance No. 260376-Amendment to Westport Overlay District

Dear Committee Members and Planning Supervisor Chambi:

Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association (PWNA) lies to the south and adjoins portion of the Westport Overlay District. Neighborhood residents engaged in the development of the Westport District Master Plan. That extensive planning process preceded the implementation of the Westport Overlay District by Ordinance No. 230498 passed on June 15, 2023.

The amendment to the Westport Overlay District proposed by Ordinance No. 260376 and previously presented in Case No. CD-CPC-2026-00025, would allow drive-through facilities, with a special use permit, in or adjacent to one of our city's most historic commercial districts.

The City Plan Commission recommended denial based in part on City Planning staff's recommendation of denial. PWNA supports that denial. Drive-throughs are not consistent with the intent of the Westport Overlay District, which prioritizes active street-front development and pedestrian circulation. This amendment does not correct errors or respond to a broader change in conditions. The amendment is being sought to accommodate a specific request for a particular use, apart from the extensive, and inclusive, planning effort that preceded the adoption of the Westport Overlay District.

PWNA requests that the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee oppose Ordinance No. 260376 that would amend the Westport Overlay District to allow for drive through facilities, with a special use permit.

Sincerely,

Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association
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