KANSAS CITY

September 15, 2025

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

Re: Ordinance No. 250809

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I write today to applaud the city's support for Roy Blunt Luminary Park (RBLP). A project that will reconnect the central business district with the Crossroads Arts district and create a world-class urban park. Ordinance No. 250809 will make this transformative park a reality, and I urge you to vote yes.

Kansas City is an international destination, and unique amenities like the World War 1 Memorial, the Kauffman Performing Arts Center, and now RBLP set us apart. While attracting visitors and enhancing our convention business, its greatest impact will be on residents and workers. This project offers a legacy, uniting the city, strengthening economic development, and reflecting Kansas City's commitment to community, inclusivity, and shared well-being. In broader terms, this project is not only good for business, but our residents as well.

We have pledged financial support for RBLP because this is truly a transformative project for Kansas City. The philanthropic community fully supports it, and passing this ordinance is critical to its momentum and success.

I understand budget challenges, but I urge you to prioritize Roy Blunt Luminary Park and authorize funds to continue its progress.

I respectfully ask that you pass Ordinance No. 250809.

Sincerely

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