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Re: Barney Allis Redevelopment

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of Plaza District Council, we urge you to take immediate action on the redevelopment of Barney Allis Plaza, and fully support Ordinance No. 240313.

I know you will receive many copies of the template so let me just say that I am on board with the contents of that letter's request to take immediate action, and then some! I think of myself as a champion for Kansas City and love to boast about our amazing city and show it off. I want to be proud of all of it.

Driving into the Barney Allis garage is not only scary, dangerous, and depressing but embarrassing. I know that there have been years of effort, planning and great ideas extended to reimagine Barney Allis. As stewards of another entertainment district in the city, we especially appreciate the importance of making a good impression on our visitors. Doing this much needed redevelopment work now, in time to have it done for the influx of visitors in 2026 is CRITICAL!

Timing is everything. Demolition must begin by May 2024 for the project to be completed in time for the World Cup.

I recognize that the City Council will be wrestling with difficult budget decisions. However, now more than ever, I encourage the City to prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

Sincerely,

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