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Council Member Katheryn Shields,

Neighborhoods, businesses & service organizations together urge you to VOTE NO on Ordinance #220276. This proposed ordinance will create more problems for the people of Kansas City than it solves. It is unclear & ambiguous, and while the intent is not clearly known, the harmful impact of the ordinance is apparent to us all.

Ordinance #220276

>> Sections 50-107 -Tenting without the consent of the owner

>> Section 50-161 Loitering

There should be no change to current laws regarding loitering and tenting (setting up encampments on any properties). This proposed ordinance will give the city, or our neighbors, the right to set up tent encampments on any property that they own or lease (including vacant buildings, lots, public buildings & private yards). There should also always be ample neighborhood input into the process to provide additional housing regardless of the developer (city or private). This ordinance will also make it harder to quickly stop intrusive loitering activities on the spot.

These changes appear to be clearly designed to allow temporary homeless camps in neighborhoods and to make it hard to stop them. It pits neighborhoods against the homeless, the city against neighborhoods and the homeless against law enforcement, unnecessarily. As it is written, reasonable people have totally different perceptions of what it says. It is simply too confusing. If it is challenged in court, it becomes a waste of our taxpayer resources. We ask that instead, you work with our neighborhoods, businesses, those impacted and the housing industry to successfully create dignified housing for those who need it. The housing industry has submitted multiple proposals to help

I, along with KC Regional Housing Alliance ask that you VOTE NO on ordinance #220276.

The city needs to do better for all of us!

I moved here from Los Angeles 2 1/2 years ago and have been continually horrified at the ineffectual way Kansas City deals with issues. In my neighborhood, violence is commonplace, trash is ubiquitous, laws are superfluous. I cannot name ONE thing that my tax dollars do for me here. I have lousy roads, illegal fireworks, feral cats, and apparently, my public park, the reason I chose this neighborhood, is unusable because I am sickened by the trash and afraid of the thugs and drug users that hang out or live there. It is a travesty for me personally as well as a travesty for nature.

Nearly every week I fill an entire 39 gallon trash bag with stuff that isn't mine. I have gone, at first enthusiastically to help clean up the parks and woods. Well you know what??? I am sick of it and I am DONE recleaning the same areas over and over again because more people dump more stuff and no one stops this from happening.

Homeless Do Not Belong in our parks and our woods, nor should they be allowed to panhandle at every stoplight while standing next to a pile of trash.

I would quite honestly rather have homeless people living in my basement than my woods. At least it would be sanitary and not cause damage to our environment (which camping does).

220276 is a poor "solution" because it is not a solution at all. It ignores valid concerns and I encourage you all to take it off the table.

(And if any council member can tell me what I get for my tax payments here in KC, I'd love a response. Los Angeles was cleaner and felt safer than here... who would have guessed?).

Sincerely,

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