



April 6, 2022

Kansas City, Missouri City Council
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: I-49 Industrial Center – North Development

Dear Mayor and City Council:

As you know, it is the mission of Port KC to grow the economy of Kansas City through transportation, logistics and revitalization. Our efforts in revitalizing the former Richards-Gebaur Airbase (now 49 Crossing) has returned hundreds of quality jobs and more than 25 locally-owned small businesses to the development. It also has spurred significant new investment and redevelopment of adjoining land. Therefore, on behalf of Port KC, I am writing to confirm that our organization is very much in favor of the I-49 Industrial Center to include the currently vacant property to the north. Such development will help further growth and encourage continued expansion of the surrounding businesses, retail operations and housing infrastructure in a way that benefits the entire south Kansas City community, and conforms to the area plan.

Port KC knows that industrial development of this magnitude can truly become an anchor in the community and will attract further development such as housing for the increased workforce, retail, restaurants and other new development. We believe the I-49 Industrial Center is ideally positioned to meet these priorities, support existing investments in the adjacent area, and serve as a beacon of economic growth in our City. Continuing to support logistics and manufacturing in this area also creates a cluster effect, making workforce transportation and employee access easier and more efficient for all. Through our continued conversations and partnership with the developer of the I-49 Industrial Center, we have an intricate understanding of the direct and indirect impacts this development will have on Kansas City, and are eager to see this development through the life cycle of the project.

Given the significant benefits of the referenced development, I would like to express Port KC's support for the proposed I-49 Industrial Center effort and urge the Kansas City, Missouri City Council to support the proposed development plan to allow the project to move forward. Port KC plans to stay informed of the progress throughout the overall development of the I-49 Industrial Center and continues to offer our perspective and advice on how the I-49 Industrial Center could serve our end users and customers.

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Stephens", written over a light blue circular background.

Jon Stephens
President & CEO

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