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To: <u>Public Testimony</u>; <u>Clerk</u>

Cc: Lucas, Quinton; Loar, Teresa; Bunch, Eric; Shields, Katheryn; Robinson, Melissa; ONeill, Kevin

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TO: Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations Committee

Quinton Lucas, Chair Teresa Loar, Vice Chair Eric Bunch, Vice Chair Katheryn Shields Melissa Robinson Kevin O'Neill

RE: Support Resolution 220596

As a member of the Thomas Hart Benton Group of the Sierra Club Missouri Chapter, and a resident of the Fourth District of Kansas City, I am urging your support for Resolution No. 220596.

In the last two years, this Council has affirmed to the Kansas City community its resolve to address our climate crisis: declaring a climate and ecological emergency in Resolution No. 210967 and approving the development of a robust climate protection plan in Resolution No. 200005.

In these two Resolutions, the Council recognized that effective and necessary action to address the crisis of climate change will be emanating from municipal governing institutions. The Council must now demonstrate its resolve, declared in these resolutions, and adopt Resolution No. 220596

Members of the Council have heard from the Climate Protection Steering Committee, stakeholders, and community, who have provided significant input in the preparation of this Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan. This Plan provides the roadmap for reducing Kansas City's contribution to climate change and for strategies to help our community adapt to the climate-related impacts we are already experiencing.

Councilmembers have also heard from parents who are quite reasonably alarmed by the future we are bequeathing to our children.

The Council must now demonstrate its resolve and begin the process to make serious climate action a reality.

Thank you.

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