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RESOLUTION NO. 230576

Sponsor: Councilmember Ryana Parks-Shaw

RESOLUTION - Directing the City Manager to develop a plan to provide additional mechanisms for City residents with Limited English Proficiency to access City communications and resources; to determine the budgetary costs of implementing the plan, as well as identify potential funding sources; and to present the findings to the City Council within ninety (90) days.

WHEREAS, the City is dedicated to providing all City residents an opportunity to participate in the public meetings of the various boards, commissions, and committees discussing the business of the City, including the meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 230447, adopted on May 25, 2023, established the Mayor's Commission for New Americans to advise the Mayor and Council on opportunities to better support New Americans living in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to providing an inclusive environment to residents of all racial, ethnic, and national backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City's KCMO.gov website does include a tool to translate the information presented into a multitude of languages; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of continuing to evaluate, and improve upon, the City's processes to communicate with all members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to conduct further outreach to residents with Limited English Proficiency and to provide additional tools to facilitate those individuals' further engagement with City government; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to develop a plan to provide additional mechanisms for City residents with Limited English Proficiency to access City communications and resources, to determine the budgetary costs of implementing the plan, and to identify potential funding sources.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to present the plan and identify funding within (90) days of the passage of this resolution.