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### Position on the General Obligation Bond Questions on the April 4, 2017, ballot

The City of Kansas City, MO, will propose three (3) questions on the April ballot seeking approval to issue up to \$800M in general obligation bonds. The bonds will fund an infrastructure repair and maintenance program with the potential to affect nearly everyone that lives in, works in, and visits Kansas City. The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase and deserves close review by all voters.

The Armour Hills Board of Directors recognizes the impact of increased property taxes on its members and has considered the potential direct benefits of the identified projects at both the neighborhood level and throughout the larger community.

While we do not represent the opinion of each individual resident in Armour Hills, the Board of Directors finds that key elements of each question have the potential to benefit the neighborhood as a whole and supports the City's effort to fund this work through the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Question #1 establishes a City-funded **sidewalk program** that replaces the existing homeowner assessment for sidewalk repair and replacement. If approved, this program could significantly benefit the Armour Hills neighborhood and many like it. Armour Hills has approximately 10 unimproved streets that are both dangerous and present physical barriers to pedestrians, and over 40 blocks that would benefit from long-term maintenance. *This portion of the bond presents the first real option to incorporate sidewalks into the city-wide infrastructure system.*

A further benefit of this question relieves existing, unpaid assessments from recent sidewalk projects (such as E 70<sup>th</sup> Street completed during the fall of 2016).

Reconstruction of specific roads throughout the city may benefit residents based on their individual activities while work on Wornall Rd, Brookside Plaza, and East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street have the most adjacent impact on neighborhood access.

Question #2 addresses **flood control** needs, including areas along Brookside Road.

And finally, question #3 provides the public portion of funding needed for a new **animal shelter** and improves specific **public buildings and amenities** (such as Starlight), including accessibility for constituents with physical mobility, sight, and hearing limitations.

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The details provided within the ballot language and the companion resolution, along with ties to both the annual budget process and the 5-year plan illustrate the framework for implementation and access to information on the progress of the program. These steps demonstrate a commitment to the transparency needed to execute a bond program of this scale and invites continued participation from all constituents in the coming years.

To read more about the specifics of the GO Bond, the companion resolution, the proposed sidewalk program, or review maps of possible street and bridge projects, please visit these pages on the City website:

<http://kcmo.gov/infrastructure/>

<http://kcmo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/160951ResolutionforinfrastructureGOBonds.pdf>

<http://kcmo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Resolution160951ExhibitionAwithmap.pdf>

<http://kcmo.gov/infrastructure/sidewalks/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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