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November 5, 2013

Mayor James
City Council Members
414 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mayor James and Council Members,

The Armour Hills Neighborhood supports further study of the Country Club Right-of-Way (CCROW) for use as a streetcar line and asks that you advance this corridor into Phase II as part of a comprehensive approach that includes neighborhoods along both east-west lines and north-south lines.

As an historic JC Nichols neighborhood of nearly 1100 homes and properties, Armour Hills has maintained its community fabric for nearly 100 years. The strength of this fabric comes from the people that have chosen to live in our walkable neighborhoods, shop at locally-owned businesses, and enjoy the amenities along the Country Club Right-of-Way Corridor. These amenities include the Trolley Trail, a key neighborhood feature that will continue, sharing the right-of-way with the streetcar line, exemplifying a healthy, sustainable network of walking, biking, and transit opportunities. This network can improve the quality of our neighborhood, reduce traffic-related challenges, and reconnect the City in a fashion that we have not seen in 50 years.

We believe the return of transit to the CCROW will ensure that Armour Hills and other neighborhoods along this Corridor continue to be vibrant and attract new generations of families and homeowners that seek well-connected, walkable, urban neighborhoods. We also believe the potential long-term reinvestment in existing commercial districts will improve the overall aesthetic and value in areas that have long suffered from access and traffic challenges, bringing new interest to the original streetcar nodes of Brookside, Waldo, 85th Street, and beyond.

The CCROW Corridor has traditionally voted in support of transit initiatives and believes in the value of reaching as many neighborhoods as possible with the Phase II study. While we also believe the CCROW Corridor should be considered an essential part of the system, it will be most successful in combination with east-west lines that connect neighborhoods, communities, and cultural centers across the City.

November 5, 2013, Armour Hills Homes Association

Returning streetcar service to Kansas City is the right thing to do. Our city is permanently oriented around nodes that began as streetcar stops, a people-centric approach that continues to be relevant to this day. We applaud the decision by Mayor James, Council Members, and our Civic Leaders to reinvest in our transit network and look forward to the day when a modern streetcar once again travels along the CCROW to reach important destinations throughout the Kansas City region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Moore".

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