



Kansas City Missouri Charter Review Commission

Co-Chairs Dr. Gayle Holiday, Matt Dameron & Commissioners,

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The South Kansas City Alliance (SKCA) is a new organization that unites and represents diverse organizations and citizens of Kansas City that are located/live south of 59th Street and between State Line and the east boundaries of the city in the **5th & 6th council districts**. As part of **SKCA's mission to educate**, involve many and forge consensus/partnerships on major issues, SKCA will be having various meetings and workshops to inform our members of the important work you are undertaking for the future of Kansas City. The Government Affairs committee of SKCA has begun to hold discussions on the work of the Commission, and there is much interest to understand the options that you are will be considering for the Kansas City Charter. There is even possible support of these endeavors.

At this time, **SKCA has only one request to make of the Commission**. We respectfully request that the Commission **offer greater input to all citizens by holding public forums in the various neighborhoods** of the city, especially in the evening hours. We feel this would accomplish two important goals that would further your work. First, it would give a **broader basis of input** from citizens, businesses and organizations. Secondly, it would **help to educate interested citizens** on the process and the possible options that are being considered. We believe that people who participate, and are involved in the process, are likely to be more open to potential change – and to support it. **We think this action should occur before the Commission has developed a proposal**. While this may take a little more time, we believe that your work would have the benefit of input from the greater community at large; and be more likely to pass at the polls more quickly.

We thank you for your consideration and support of this request.

Sincerely,


Stacey Johnson-Cosby
President

South Kansas City Alliance

Doug Smith
Chair, Government Affairs Committee
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