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Greetings:

I am writing to express my strong support for Ordinance 220961. Kansas City's tree canopy is one of the wonderful things about this city. Our urban forests are critical to not just the beauty of our city but also our health and well-being. Mature trees are also a crucial part of Kansas City's effort to combat the climate crisis; planting trees is great, and we should do it, but our beautiful old trees sequester more carbon and cool our city more than saplings.

thank you,  
Ruth Sanders