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Melba Curls
City of Kansas City
414 E 12th St
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MEC No. 14E201

Dear Ms. Curls:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against City of Kansas City at its October 2, 2014 meeting. The complaint alleged the mayor and city council members of Kansas City used public funds to campaign for the Phase II Street Car Expansion project that was to be decided on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 115, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint. While the Commission determined that the city approved a contract to conduct community outreach regarding the proposed streetcar project, there was no evidence that the outreach included advocacy for the project and therefore did not violate Section 115.646, RSMo. Further, outreach was consistent with guidelines established by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA).

Sincerely,

James Klahr
Executive Director

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