



February 16, 2021

Mayor Quinton Lucas and
Members of the City Council
KCMO City Hall
414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council:

The Whole Person wishes to submit the following letter in **support** of the proposed legislation to decriminalize walking and biking in Kansas City.

We support this measure as a step to limit the over-policing of Black and Brown people in Kansas City. The measures targeted in this legislation, including jaywalking, dirty tires, and bike inspection, do nothing to actually make our streets safer for people who walk or bike. It doesn't make sense for us to allow these measures to remain in place, especially if there is no evidence they protect the people who fall under their scope.

Many of the people we serve or employ at The Whole Person walk, bike, or use public transportation, and over half are people of color. Unfortunately, people with disabilities also account for half of the people killed by police across the nation. Decreasing the potential for unnecessary interactions between law enforcement and people with disabilities is a necessary step toward creating communities in Kansas City that are equitable and welcoming for all.

In conclusion, The Whole Person **supports** this measure's adoption and asks the City Council to do the same.

Thank you,

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The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

VISION

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.



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