March 29, 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 Paseo West Neighborhood Association (PWNA) is submitting 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.

An essential part of PWNA’s strategic plan is to improve the street environment for pedestrians and non-vehicular traffic to ensure an environment that is both safe and welcoming and encourages new and current residents to get out and enjoy our neighborhood.

Paseo West Neighborhood Association supports the adoption of this measure and asks the City Council to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Evie Craig, MA, CFRE
President
Paseo West Neighborhood Association