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Ms. Karen I. Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

I have been forwarded your letter regarding Healthy Communities Wyandotte and the efforts of the Rosedale Development Association. What is happening in Rosedale is amazing and, frankly, the basis for many of the policy discussions currently being discussed at our Healthy Communities Wyandotte Task Force and Steering Committee.

When internal discussions began regarding the development and adoption of a Complete Streets resolution, the work that RDA has done made the education process shorter and showed tangible examples of the positive impacts pedestrian friendly streets have on our community. Our Steering Committee has engaged staff from KC Healthy Kids and the Food Policy Coalition of Greater Kansas City during our fact finding phase. This was made possible because of the work done by RDA. The show of support by RDA at the UG Commission meeting when Complete Streets was adopted was also very impressive.

While the good work of RDA was not mentioned by Mayor Reardon in the media article, we are all very aware of the efforts and thankful for the existence of these programs in our community. As we move forward towards a Community Health Improvement Plan the insight and perspective from RDA will be greatly appreciated. The Healthy Communities Wyandotte Steering Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:00. We are meeting this month at the USD #500 Central Office, 2010 N. 59th Street. Please attend if your schedule allows.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Connor
Director

Cc: Alfonso Zarate, Mayor's Office