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Terry Riordan, Chair, and Members of the

Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission

City Hall, Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Chair and Planning Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance in support of the proposals for changes (Items 10 through 14 on the November agenda) in zoning to implement the HOP (Hillcrest, Old West Lawrence, Pinckney Plan) and particularly in support of Item No. 14, to rezone a tract of land south of West 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Missouri and Illinois from RM-1 to RS-2.

We have been concerned that historic properties and established neighborhoods are made vulnerable by zoning districts that suggest that the existing housing stock should be replaced. We support the goals of the HOP plan as they seek to change zoning districts to make the districts reflect the current use and to propose changes that will stabilize the three neighborhoods. In particular we believe that the change from RM-1 to RS-2 is an appropriate way to stabilize and maintain the area south of 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Missouri and Illinois Streets as a part of the adjacent and well-functioning single-family neighborhood in Old West Lawrence.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and for all your good work on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Verdell Taylor, Jr.

President, Lawrence Preservation Alliance