

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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To the City Commission:

Re: Fifth Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival benefiting Just Food

Dear City Commissioners:

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is grateful for the good work that Just Food continues to provide in our community and it is our pleasure to write a letter of support for the special use permit for the Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival.

We recognize the benefit of the event that involves neighborhood, Lawrence and regional businesses and organizations. Most importantly, we appreciate that the money raised, over \$52,000 at last year's event, will help provide meals for the nearly 12,000 Douglas County residents served by Just Food every year.

As a neighborhood, we deeply appreciate the effort that Just Food takes to make this large event run smoothly and that the plan is presented ahead of time so that neighbors have an opportunity to help continue to make this a successful event.

We are excited this event is held in our neighborhood.

At our January ELNA meeting, we voted unanimously (12-0) to support the Kansas Food Truck Festival's special use permit as presented to us.

We encourage you to approve Ordinance 9331 as well as the Special Event Permit, requested by the Kansas Food Truck Festival for this year's event, in the Warehouse Arts District, an important part of the East Lawrence Neighborhood.

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