



METROPOLITAN
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BLUE RIVER

March 22, 2022

Sheila Saxton
Independence City Hall
111 E Maple Avenue
Independence, MO 64050

Dear Ms. Saxton,

I am writing to show my support and ask you to support the NorthPoint Development's industrial project proposal along Little Blue Parkway in Independence.

As the Campus President of Metropolitan Community College's Blue River Campus, I am excited about the potential of 5,000 quality jobs being added to our region through this project. As you know, Eastern Jackson County and Independence could use this boost. The jobs and businesses could partner with the College on training needs and the economic incentives generated by the additional taxes and consumer spending in the region are critical to our community's future. I would be pleased to see the city of Independence partner with NorthPoint Development in making this opportunity a success.

Thank you for your time, and your service to the community. I appreciate the Councilmembers' thoughtful consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Meyer, Ph.D.
President
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March 22, 2022

Dear Independence Planning Commission members,

I am writing on behalf of the Independence EDC's Board of Directors in support of NorthPoint Development's industrial project along Little Blue Parkway. Having seen the presentation by NorthPoint Development we are fully behind this project and our Board voted unanimously to support it.

This exciting development will bring at least 5,000 jobs to Independence over the next 13 years and generate nearly a billion dollars of investment. We cannot pass up this opportunity to create good jobs for the future of Independence residents and tax dollars for improvements in the community. We also appreciate the effort NorthPoint Development is making to partner and cooperate with the community and circulate facts about the project.

Thank you for your service to the community and consideration of the project

Sincerely,
Steve Mauer

Board Chairperson
Intendance Economic Development Council



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March 14, 2022

Mayor Eileen Weir
Independence City Hall
111 E Maple Avenue
Independence, Missouri 64050

Dear Mayor Weir,

I am writing in support of NorthPoint Development's industrial project along Little Blue Parkway.

I am the CEO at Centerpoint Medical Center, and my daughter graduated from Fort Osage High School in 2013. I serve on numerous boards in Eastern Jackson County. Having seen the presentation by NorthPoint Development I am in favor of moving forward with a project of this caliber.

Developing this area while adding 5,000 jobs over the next 13 years would be a blessing for our region. I am impressed with the effort NorthPoint Development is making to partner and cooperate with the community.

Thank you for your service to the community and consideration of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bret Kolman".

Bret Kolman, CPA
Chief Executive Officer
Centerpoint Medical Center



A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING THE PLAN
OF EASTGATE COMMERCE CENTER IN
INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, officials of Fort Osage School District consider capital investment and job creation to be of utmost importance not only within the district, but to the surrounding region by providing economic, community and career development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence, Missouri constructed Little Blue Parkway as an arterial link from Interstate 70 to US 24 Highway, providing for future growth and to encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Commerce Center project requires a rezoning of land in support of successful development of the project; and

WHEREAS, The Eastgate Commerce Center project will provide additional tax revenue to the Fort Osage School District; and

WHEREAS, Fort Osage School District desires to see a career development and real-world learning center created to advance career opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Fort Osage School District feel that it is in the best interest of the students of Fort Osage School District to endorse said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Osage School District hereby endorses the rezoning and tax incentive plan in support of the Eastgate Commerce Center project, and will provide support as appropriate for the duration of the project.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of March, 2022.

Signed: Floyd Hawkins
Floyd Hawkins, President/Board of Education

Attest: Amy L. Buntin
Amy L. Buntin, Secretary/Board of Education



SUPERIOR BOWEN

March 22, 2022

City of Independence, Missouri
Planning Commission
Independence City Hall
111 E Maple Avenue
Independence, MO 64050

RE: Eastgate Commerce Center – NorthPoint

To The Honorable Planning Commission:

This letter is intended to voice our support for the Eastgate Commerce Center project along Little Blue Parkway in Independence, MO.

I am the CEO of Superior Bowen, one of Kansas City's largest heavy civil contractors and an employer of approximately 70 employees that reside in Independence, MO. We have done business with the City for over 50 years and we believe the timing of this project and its impact to the region will be profound.

The initial endeavor to bring this project out of the ground will provide the opportunity for tens of thousands of manhours for union craftsman over the course of the next decade. We've seen first-hand the impacts of developments like this all over the Metropolitan area of Kansas City and beyond. While other sectors have faded in the wake of COVID-19, e-commerce, manufacturing, and distribution are real estate uses that are exploding all over the country.

Businesses and developments like this bring jobs to a community, thousands of them in-fact. The taxes that spin off projects like this provide generational impact that can take the burden off the average resident for city services and the school systems within the community. Projects like this are an investment in Independence's future and worth supporting.

Sincerely,

Trey Bowen
CEO
Superior Bowen



To: Mayor Eileen Weir

Date: March 22, 2022

Subject: NorthPoint Development

Dear Mayor Weir,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Alec Cook, President and Owner of Continental Siding and myself, a long time resident of Independence and a member of the Board of Directors of the Independence Economic Development Council, to show our support for the NorthPoint Development in the Little Blue Parkway.

Continental has been in business and headquartered in Independence for the entire 39 years we have been in business. Additionally, as a Company who has always had an interest in all things good for Independence, and who over the years has dedicated our time and resources in supporting the Independence community in various ways, we have seen the presentation by NorthPoint and have researched this proposed development thoroughly and so wanted to let you know we support this project.

We feel with over \$800 million invested to develop the area, along with likely over 5,000+ new jobs for the community over the next 10 years, the positive economic impact for the community would be immeasurable, eg; education, drawing new businesses to serve those with new jobs, infrastructure, urban and housing renewal, etc. We feel that it will transform the face of Independence over time as well as enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Independence and we would ask for your support of this measure should it ultimately come before the City Council.

Respectfully,

Stan Adkins

Community Development Mgr.

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March 22, 2022

Councilman John Perkins
Independence City Hall
111 E Maple Avenue
Independence, Missouri 64050

Dear Councilman Perkins,

I am writing in support of NorthPoint Development's industrial project along Little Blue Parkway. I am President of Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal. Our company has been located in Independence since 1927. Many Cornell employee's are located in all three affected school districts.

I serve on numerous boards in Eastern Jackson County. Having seen the presentation by NorthPoint Development I am in favor of moving forward with a project of this caliber. Developing this area while adding 5,000 jobs over the next 13 years would be a blessing for our region. I am impressed with the effort NorthPoint Development is making to partner and cooperate with the community. Thank you for your service to the community and consideration of the project

Sincerely,



Mary E. McNamara
President



March 22, 2022

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To the Independence City Planning Commission,

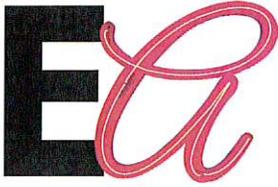
The economic health of our community is important to our organization. This includes large-scale projects in other parts of the city. We have attended information sessions, listened to presentations, read project proposals, and listened to the concerns surrounding the Northpoint Development in Eastern Independence.

We believe the location, design, and use of the proposed development will have a positive impact throughout the city of Independence, including thousands of new jobs, increased home values, and revenues to three school systems. Little Blue Parkway was built to open up that valley to this type of development. We know that the project will bring an incremental rise in population that will support additional businesses not only in the immediate area, but surrounding areas as well. These new businesses will bring new philanthropic dollars as they invest in their community. Opportunities like this do not come often in the lifecycle of a city.

While there may be adjustments that need to be considered for traffic flow or environmental impact, these should not impede the approval of this development.

Unanimously supported by,

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Mayor Eileen Weir
Independence City Hall
111 E Maple Ave
Independence, MO 64052

Dear Mayor Weir,

I am writing in support of the proposed NorthPoint Development project.

As Executive Director of Englewood Arts, it seems clear to our organization that this type of development will be good for the community and good for Independence, Missouri by bringing new jobs, new investments, and developing an underutilized area. This type of project aligns with the values and mission of Englewood Arts.

In addition, having NorthPoint headquartered in Missouri keeps good quality companies like this in the region, but only if we continue to support their expansion and projects.

Thank you for considering this project and helping make the City of Independence a place where art and people live.

Sincerely,

Michael Baxley
Executive Director

Re: Investment in the Little Blue Valley Parkway was made for this

Dear Mr. Hobart,

When Independence committed \$30 million dollars to the construction of the Little Blue Parkway, it was done to open up opportunities for development. We now have an opportunity with the EastGate Commerce Center to take advantage of this investment and attract new employers and jobs to Independence. As we look at other communities around us that are growing, they are doing so because they have been able to attract companies who provide family-supporting jobs but currently, we don't have the modern facilities that companies need to be successful. That can all change with your support of the Eastgate Commerce Center project. I urge you to make a difference in Independence and vote to give the necessary approvals so this project can move forward.

Sincerely,

Brad Speaks

brad.speaks@speakschapel.com

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