



8/8/2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of AARP Missouri, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to empowering people to choose how they live as they age, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of our population by then, the demand for essential services will only grow. This funding will address key priorities and challenges identified directly by older adults and the aging services organizations serving them, including in-home support, transportation, nutrition access, and caregiving support.

The passage of this levy will enable our community to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors.

By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the well-being of our older residents and addressing the growing needs of our aging population. We strongly believe that every older adult deserves access to the support they need to live a fulfilling life, and this levy is a crucial step in that direction.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,

Craig Eichelman
State Director
AARP Missouri

8/6/2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of my company AskSAMIE, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to helping seniors get the right equipment and resources to stay living in their homes as they age, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Sincerely,



Brandy Archie, OTD, OTR/L, CLIPP
Founder, CEO
AskSAMIE

August 6, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
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Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Assisted Transportation, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As a non-emergency transportation provider, we have been committed to transporting seniors to medical appointments for the last 25+ years. We recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Sincerely,

Scott Florez

Scott Florez
Vice President of Operations
Assisted Transportation

8/9/2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of CarePatrol of KCMO, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to helping seniors understand all of their senior living options from living at home to Independent / Assisted Living, Memory Care or Long Term Care, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:


RON BRAUN

Owner, Certified Senior Advisor
CarePatrol of KCMO



Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Clay County Senior Services to show our support of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in your community.

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Tina Uridge

Clay County Senior Services fund has been in existence for almost 20 years. We support our senior residents by funding critical basic needs such as transportation, home delivered meals, home repair, and other programs that address social isolation issues and encourage healthy aging. All of which are designed to help older adults to age in place in the community. Our office staff connects seniors to information and resources directly, plus, we also fund qualified partner organizations and agencies to provide care coordination that helps our seniors navigate services and maintain their independence.

The nation's population is growing older and living longer than at any other time in our history. Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. The passage of this levy will enable your community to provide comprehensive support to these older adults which will reduce social isolation and improve health outcomes and quality of life.

As the Executive Director of CCSS, I also serve as President of the Missouri Association of Levy Boards & Senior Organizations (www.moalso.org). We assist new levy counties with the passage and implementation of the fund. You can rest assured that members of MoALSO will be at the ready to assist Jackson County with governance and best practices as the senior levy is being set up to fund these vital programs and services in your county.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We are proud proponents for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot as we have seen firsthand the good that a levy like this can do for a community!

Sincerely,

Tina Uridge
Executive Director
Clay County Senior Services

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Providing Effective and Quality Programs to Support our Seniors



August 8, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Community Assistance Council, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

CAC is the primary nonprofit providing critical human services for all low-income residents of the Hickman Mills, Center and KCMO part of the Grandview School Districts – a population of about 80,000. Since 1976, CAC has provided emergency rent and utilities to keep individuals from eviction and homelessness with the heat/AC, lights, and water on, with food and hygiene, case management and resources and referrals to dozens of our community partners. If we can't provide it, we are one phone or email away from who can.

With about one third of our 27,000 services last year going to residents 60 and older, everyday CAC feels first-hand the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence. Many, many of the seniors CAC serves are now raising their grandchildren, but struggling to do so on their fixed income, without necessary supports. This week, CAC received another call to help a widow grandmother who, due to community violence, is now responsible for her grandchildren.

- In CAC's five primary ZIP codes, the number of residents 62 years and older increased from 15% to 17% from 2011 to 2021, while the overall population declined by about 1,000.
- In CAC's primary ZIP codes, there is no senior center, no senior hot meals, and no walk-in urgent care; meals on wheels and public transportation are limited.
- About 90% of CAC clients fall under HUD's Extremely Low Poverty of \$21,550 for a one-person household;
- 70% of CAC clients are African-American; the Hispanic and refugee populations are growing;
- 80% of CAC family heads of households are single moms or widows.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Sincerely,


Rachel V. Casey
Executive Director



HopeBUILDERS

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

06 August 2024

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of HopeBUILDERS Home Repair, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to providing accessibility solutions and critical home repairs for older adults, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence. In 2023, HopeBUILDERS provided services to 103 households in Jackson County. Year to date in 2024, we've already served 74 households.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,

Founder and Executive Director

8/5/2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. I am proud to express my personal support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As a person committed to eliminating disparities in dementia care, I recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. I respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaime', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jaime Perales Puchalt, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor



August 6, 2024

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City (JFS), a Steering Committee Member and advocate of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition. This coalition seeks to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to improving lives by providing essential human services for people of all faiths, ages, cultures, and identities, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence. At JFS, our aging services include social work, transportation for individuals who no longer drive and ongoing home maintenance that allows individuals to age in their own home for as long as possible.

Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of our population in just 6 short years, the demand for essential services will only grow. This funding will address key priorities and challenges identified directly by older adults and the aging services organizations serving them, including in-home support, transportation, nutrition access, and caregiving support.

The passage of this levy will enable our community to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors.

By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the well-being of our older residents and addressing the growing needs of our aging population.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Sincerely,

Awais Sufi
Interim Executive Director
Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City

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August 11, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature:

I am writing on behalf of the *Missouri Council on Aging*, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition, to express our strong support for including the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to promoting and protecting the well-being of older adults in Missouri, we recognize the critical need for sustainable, long-term funding. Senior levy funding provides local, county-contained support for services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over the age of 60. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of the population, the demand for essential services will continue to grow. Senior levy funding supports critical services such as in-home care, transportation, nutrition access, and caregiving support.

The passage of the senior levy will enable Jackson County to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct and positive impact on our local seniors.

By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the well-being of Jackson County's older adults. We strongly believe that every older adult deserves access to the support they need to live a fulfilling life, and this levy is a crucial step in that direction.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot so that residents of Jackson County can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of older adults.



Nicole L. Brueggeman, MSW, LCSW, MA
Executive Director
nicole@missouricouncilonaging.org



August 8, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Menorah Heritage Foundation, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As a funder, one of our grant cycles is focused on Aging in Community. We have been funding in the aging space for over 15 years. We know the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of our population by then, the demand for essential services will only grow. Philanthropic dollars cannot keep pace with the growing need. A senior levy has been successful in other counties in Missouri, helping organizations serving older adults with in-home support, transportation, nutrition access, and caregiving support.

The passage of this levy would be a game changer for our community. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Sincerely,

Kim

Kim Lewis
Program Officer
Menorah Heritage Foundation



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8/7/2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Missouri Budget Project in support of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

The Missouri Budget Project advances policy issues that improve the quality of life for all Missourians, particularly state budget, tax, health and economic policies. Through our work on state budget and tax policy issues we are acutely aware that state lawmakers underinvest in all public services, placing pressure on localities and counties to develop solutions to fund an array of critical community needs. As the older population continues to increase, the need for services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence will increase significantly. In response, voters in more than 50 counties have already established senior funds to provide for this need.

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Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy L Blouin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy L Blouin
President & CEO
Missouri Budget Project



August 8, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of the Missouri Association of Levy Boards and Senior Organizations (MoALSO), a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

MoALSO convenes county senior levy boards, advocates, and other stakeholders; representing 55 out of 115 Missouri counties that currently have a senior levy. MoALSO supports senior levy boards through education and collaboration, including assisting other counties to learn about Missouri Statute 67-990. We recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence. Our association members will be available to answer questions and offer guidance as your county implements the Jackson County Senior Levy Fund board.

The passage of this levy will enable Jackson County to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so that Jackson County citizens can vote on this essential issue.

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Sincerely,

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Tina Uridge
President

Missouri Association of Levy Boards and Senior Organizations

<https://www.moalso.org/>

8/5/2024



Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of PACE KC, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to providing wrap around health and wellness services to older adults, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Sincerely,

Heath Rath
Executive Director
PACE KC



August 7, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Phoenix Family, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to empowering people living in affordable housing communities with the onsite support they need to gain stability and meet their full potential, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Welch, LMSW
Program Manager
Phoenix Family

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August 14, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Sandwiched KC, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

Sandwiched KC is a 501c3 has been welcoming, embracing, and walking alongside those who sacrifice their time, self, and sanity to care for those they love in the Kansas City metro since 2018. As a nonprofit committed to creating opportunities for family caregivers to find local support and shared wisdom, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower our elders to age in place with dignity and independence, as well as the provide needed information and support to family caregivers who often find themselves providing countless hours of time, often unpaid and with great sacrifice, to make that possible.

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The passage of this levy will enable our community to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors and family caregivers.

By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the well-being of our older residents and addressing the growing needs of our aging population. We strongly believe that every older adult deserves access to the support they need to live a fulfilling life, and this levy is a crucial step in that direction.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of older adults and the daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces & nephews, friends, and neighbors who support them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Kathleen Hiles". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Rachel" being the most prominent.

Rachel Kathleen Hiles
Founder
Sandwiched KC



August 8, 2024

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Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

KC Shepherd's Center lives the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence. We are asking the legislature to include the proposed Jackson County senior levy, as drafted by County Counsel, on the upcoming November 2024 ballot. As a Jackson County Outside Agency grantee serving 3,500 older adults, KCSC is committed to providing critical in-home support services, caregiver respite, Meals on Wheels, integrated care management and other programs to help Jackson County taxpayers remain safely in their homes as they age, rather than being unnecessarily or prematurely placed on long waiting lists for scarce Medicare and Medicaid nursing home beds.

Of our 3,500 clients, 70% are low-income; 50% BIPOC, 65% female and 45% are 75 years and older. 60% live alone. 80% have no caregiver support. 1 in 10 seniors in our area are food-insecure, compared to 1 in 15 nationwide. 15% of our clients are veterans, compared to 7.5% statewide. 75% find shopping difficult and 65% find preparing meals difficult. These older adults depend on KCSC to help them remain in their homes, yet with no public funding to support senior services in Jackson County, KCSC must compete against our partners for the 1-2% of philanthropic giving that goes to support older adults, as well as children's services, which are well-funded both philanthropically and publicly.

Jackson County's older population is the fastest growing population, projected to nearly double by 2030 reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of our population by then, the demand for essential services will only grow and the nonprofit agencies trying to fill that gap can't do it alone, and Jackson County isn't ready.

Sustainable funding in Jackson County provided by the same kind of senior levy that Platte, Clay and Ray Counties, as well as 55 counties across Missouri already have in place with no sunset clauses, will address the key priorities and challenges in Jackson County identified directly by older adults and the aging services organizations serving them. The passage of this levy will enable our community to provide ongoing comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring full transparency and a direct impact on our local seniors.

By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the growing needs of our aging population in Jackson County. We strongly believe that every older adult deserves access to the support they need to live a fulfilling life, and this levy is a crucial step in that direction. Together, we can make Jackson County a place that honors its elders and provides sustainable funding to meet their needs as a vulnerable population. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the November 2024 ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Sincerely,

Executive Director, KC Shepherd's Center
House Majority Leader, MO Silver Haired Legislature



The SPARK Flossie Pack Center for Lifelong Long Learning
University of Missouri-Kansas City
PO Box 300362
Kansas City, MO 64130

August 5, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of the SPARK Flossie Pack Center for Lifelong Learning, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to bringing lifelong learning opportunities to senior citizens, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

Jackson County's older population is projected to nearly double by 2030, reaching approximately 230,000 individuals over 60 years old. With older adults expected to comprise nearly 20% of our population by then, the demand for essential services will only grow. This funding will address key priorities and challenges identified directly by older adults and the aging services organizations serving them, including in-home support, transportation, nutrition access, and caregiving support.

The passage of this levy will enable our community to provide comprehensive support to older adults, reduce social isolation, and improve health outcomes. Importantly, all funds generated will remain within Jackson County and will be managed by an independent levy board, ensuring a direct impact on our local seniors.



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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,

LeeAnne Hays
President

The SPARK Flossie Pack Center for Lifelong Learning



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August 7, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Swope Health, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to comprehensive healthcare services and improving the quality of life for underserved communities, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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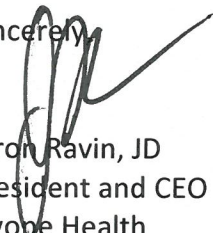
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By approving this measure for the November 2024 ballot, you will be taking a vital step toward securing the well-being of our older residents and addressing the growing needs of our aging population. We strongly believe that every older adult deserves access to the support they need to live a fulfilling life, and this levy is a crucial step in that direction.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so that our community can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,



Jeron Ravin, JD
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August 5, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my company, Thrive Homes, to express our strong support for placing the proposed senior levy on the November 2024 ballot. We are long-time advocates for the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of our older residents.

Our organization is dedicated to creating supportive living environments for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities and older adults, and we understand the pressing need for reliable funding to help these individuals maintain their independence and dignity.

With Jackson County's senior population expected to nearly double by 2030, reaching around 230,000 individuals over 60, the demand for vital services will increase significantly. This levy will address critical needs identified by both seniors and the aging services organizations that support them, including in-home care, transportation, nutrition, and caregiving.

By passing this levy, our community can offer more comprehensive support, reduce social isolation, and improve overall health outcomes for our seniors. Importantly, the funds will stay within Jackson County and be overseen by an independent board, ensuring they directly benefit our local older adults.

We strongly urge you to approve this measure for the November 2024 ballot. Doing so will be a crucial step toward ensuring that our senior population receives the support they deserve and addressing the evolving needs of our aging community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in moving this levy forward so our community can make its voice heard on this vital issue.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our older residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian J. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Christian J. Hill
Founder & CEO
Thrive Homes



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August 5, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Truman Heartland Community to support the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As the Community Foundation serving the Eastern Jackson County community, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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Thank you for considering this important initiative. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the senior levy for inclusion on the ballot, so our community can vote on this essential issue.

Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,

Phillip J. Hanson
President and CEO





We strive for a better world where everyone has a decent place to live.

August 7, 2024

Jackson County Legislature
415 E 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Jackson County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, a dedicated supporter of the Jackson County Seniors Count Coalition and its mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community. We are proud to express our support for the inclusion of the proposed senior levy on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

As an organization committed to eliminating poverty housing conditions in Eastern Jackson County communities, we recognize the critical need for sustainable funding to support services that empower older adults to age in place with dignity and independence.

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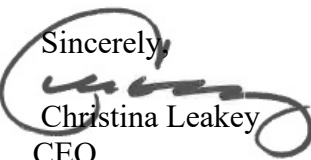
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Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our older adults.

Sincerely,



Christina Leakey
CEO

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

