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OUR VISION & MISSION

Vision

The Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium—with its world-class exhibits and exceptional programs—attracts visitors from around the world and families from close to home.

Mission

The Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium connects all people to each other and the natural world to promote understanding, appreciation, and conservation.

July 16, 2025

District Legislator DaRon McGee
 Jackson County Legislator
 415 E. 12th Street
 2nd Floor
 Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Legislator McGee,

Carol Halquist's term as Jackson County's at-large member of the Zoological District has ended. As per the by-laws, the Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium is required to give the legislature a list of three potential candidates to choose from to fill this open seat. Mrs. Halquist has declined the option to be one of these three.

It is my honor to pass along the following three candidates who have agreed to serve. Each of these would be excellent additions to the Zoological District and I am presenting them to the legislature at this time.

Sharon Cleaver
J.J. Rizzo
Dan Tarwatter

The next Zoological District meeting will be on September 4th. If possible, we would appreciate your choice being made before that time so that the new member can join us for that meeting. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support of this process, the Zoological District and the Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium.

Should you, or any member of the legislature, have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me at any of the outlets below.

Sincerely,

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