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**Statement of Jackson County Legislator Anderson Regarding Stadiums Tax Veto  
Override**

As your Jackson County Legislator 1st District- Large, representing all of Jackson County, it was imperative that questions be answered, and commitments be defined; ALL of Jackson County deserves honest answers. One thing is for sure; the Kansas City Royals and the Kansas City Chiefs belong in Jackson County, Missouri.

I have decided to override the County Executive's veto. Ordinance 5822 passed Monday, January 8th, and was vetoed by County Executive Frank White on Thursday, January 18th. Over the last several days, in-depth discussions have been with the Jackson County Sports Authority and the leadership of the Chiefs and the Royals.

**We have a terms sheet signed by both teams and the Jackson County Sports Authority.**

**The Sports Authority will continue management of Truman Sports Complex, including GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium and any future location of Kauffman Stadium in downtown Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.**

**Under the binding provisions, the teams have committed in the letter of intent that they will pay for their insurance of both stadiums, and the Park Levy will be returned to the County.**

**Negotiations are continuing between the Chiefs and Royals on the details of the demolition of Kauffman Stadium at no additional cost to the Jackson County taxpayers.**

**The teams have agreed to legal protection from any action or additional funds request from Jackson County taxpayers.**

Additionally, The Good Jobs and Affordable Housing For All Coalition now has a seat at the table they were promised by the Royals. They have met with the Community Table and the teams. Considering these developments, the Coalition has decided to take a neutral stance on this tax moving forward. I am still committed to protecting workers and our community and will continue to support their work towards a Community Benefits Agreement.

Lastly, I have received overwhelming outreach from constituents and community stakeholders, asking me to allow them to vote on this issue.

Therefore, after multiple meetings with the Sports Authority, Royals, and Chief's leadership, the concessions we have received thus far, and the response from the community stakeholders, I determined that this ordinance should move forward, and the question of a **3/8 cent** sales be on the ballot this April.

I appreciate the County Executive's concerns for Jackson County residents; his leadership on the veto got us to where we are today. I look forward to working closely with his administration as we progress with the teams.

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