

Westwood City Council  
4700 Rainbow Blvd  
Westwood, KS 66205

Dear City Council Members,

We, the undersigned, as proud members of the Westwood and neighboring community, are looking forward to a future that includes an expanded park at the former Westwood View Elementary site. This project honors our values by balancing family-centered recreation, environmental integrity, and the historic location of Westwood View Elementary. We stand behind the council's decisions and their steadfast commitment to a development plan that brings new opportunities for gathering, play, and community for all Westwood residents.

### **Why We Support This Development**

- **A Space That Reflects Our Community Values:** The new park will be designed with the needs of Westwood's families and children at its heart. Dedicated play areas, natural green spaces, and accessible, welcoming amenities will create a space where everyone—of all ages—can enjoy the outdoors safely and comfortably. Community feedback has shown a shared enthusiasm for updated play areas and natural elements that support a family-friendly atmosphere right here in Westwood.
- **Preserving Green Spaces & Enhancing Safety:** Our council's careful planning reflects Westwood's commitment to preserving mature trees and green spaces while prioritizing safety and accessibility. Parents and residents have voiced their appreciation for a project that thoughtfully incorporates safe pedestrian pathways and traffic improvements, making Westwood a place where everyone can enjoy their neighborhood on foot or bicycle. This initiative builds a stronger, more connected community.
- **Supporting Westwood's Economic and Community Growth:** By expanding our green spaces and investing in the future of our neighborhood, this development benefits the local economy, providing resources that will help keep Westwood strong. The tax revenue generated from this development will directly support Westwood's schools, parks, streets and essential services, securing a sustainable future for our community and a lasting legacy for future generations.

We recognize that any new development will raise important questions, and the council has taken community feedback into consideration every step of the way.

We urge the council to maintain its commitment to address traffic concerns by continued support of the Rainbow Boulevard Complete Streets and Traffic Management Plan while it is under review by partner stakeholders. We also encourage future study of other traffic calming measures on residential streets.

We further urge the School Board of Shawnee Mission School District to continue its participation and patience as the City of Westwood works through this process.

This letter represents a shared vision for Westwood's future that values progress and preservation, making a lasting difference for the children, families, and neighbors who call Westwood home.

Sincerely,

Westwood Residents and Neighbors in Support of Our Future