

North Kansas City Levee District

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December 2, 2014

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000.
Attn: CECW-CE (Lisa Kiefel)

Re: Kansas City Levees Project, Missouri and Kansas
Proposal for Project Modification

Ms. Kiefel,

I write to you on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the North Kansas City Levee District (District). The District is a non-federal sponsor of the *Kansas City Levees Project, Missouri and Kansas*. As you may be aware, the North Kansas City Levee District, Fairfax Drainage District, Kaw Valley Drainage District, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri have entered into an agreement to act as a single sponsor with respect to the Project. While the work associated with the North Kansas City Levee Unit has been completed under Phase 1 of the Project, we continue to lend our support to the Phase 2 efforts.

It is our understanding that a proposal is necessary to authorize construction of the recommended improvements identified in the Phase 2 of the Feasibility Study. Please accept this letter as our statement of support for the modification of the project to increase the project cost to \$516 million fully funded. The modification will address the projects needed for Phase 2 which include the Armourdale and Central Industrial District levee units owned and operated by the Kaw Valley Drainage District and the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

The seven levee units in the Kansas City metropolitan area have been designed and are operated to act as a single system. Therefore, it is essential that all units have uniform performance characteristics and afford a uniform levee of protection. The projects associated with the Armourdale and CID levee units are needed for the project to fully realize the benefits anticipated to be more than \$30 billion with a combined benefit cost ratio of 5.4 to 1.

The seven levee units that comprise the levee system in Kansas City are vital to economic health of the region. Therefore, it is imperative that these projects be fully funded and

expeditiously executed. We appreciate your consideration of the proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (816) 221-2300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lanning', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard M. Lanning
President

cc: Jerome Brant
Lynda Hoffman, KCMO