Tuesday, <u>February 6, 2024</u>
SB 346
Proponent Testimony
Request to appear in person.

Timothy Swanson Senate District: 7

Chair McGinn, Vice Chair Bowers, Ranking Minority member Francisco, and members of the Committee,

I'm writing this testimony in support of SB 346. Lori Sharp is my councilwoman in Ward 3 in Prairie Village, Kansas, and I wholeheartedly agree with her testimony. It is accurate and truthful! I have been to all the council meetings except for maybe 3 in the last two years and can tell you that most single-family home property owners in Prairie Village do not support the rezoning changes. I also might add that this is

a non-partisan issue. As you probably know, the conversation about zoning is being heard in many cities throughout the United States and is being met with great resistance.

I have been to the zoning committee meetings, and the committee members are at a loss for what the city council members want them to do regarding zoning changes. They have discussed all the zoning regulations in detail, and the council members still have no suggestions for updating or changing the zoning rules. In my opinion, it appears to be just filling a square on the council's part and has nothing to do with updating or fixing zoning regulations. Is this whole issue political? You be the judge.

When it comes to property rights and zoning, the people directly affected should be the ones to have a vote and a voice. To this point, we have not been heard. I respectfully request you to support SB 346.

Thank you,

Timothy Swanson