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Mr. Charles Blaser, Chairman  
Members  
Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission  
City Hall  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

RE. ITEM NO. 6: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO HORIZON 2020; UPDATE OF CHAPTER 11 (LBZ)

Dear Chairman Blaser and Planning Commissioners:

We want to thank the staff for the carefully crafted update to Horizon 2020, the Chapter 11, Historic Resources plan amendment.

We have only one comment. Goal Two, "Conserve the Rural Character of Unincorporated Douglas County in Strategic Areas," gave us concern because it is subject to possible misinterpretation. It implies that only those areas of Douglas County will be conserved for their Rural Character that are identified as "strategic." The implication is that everything else is subject to non-rural development. We don't believe that this is what is intended. It would be more to the point to state, "Conserve the Rural Character of Unincorporated Douglas County," which is a major theme of *Horizon 2020*.

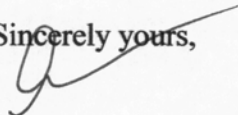
Alternatively, we suggest that the wording for Goal Two be modified as follows:

*"Identify and conserve the historic areas and places in unincorporated Douglas County."*

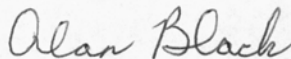
We hope that this is the concept that you intend.

Again we thank the staff and the commissions who have contributed to this amendment, and hope you will look favorably on our suggested change to Goal Two.

Sincerely yours,



Caleb Morse  
Member of the Board



Alan Black, Chairman  
Land Use Committee