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Jackson County Executive

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Mr. Clark Hunt

Chairman and CEO
Kansas City Chiefs
One Arrowhead Drive
Kansas City, MO 64129

Mr. John Sherman

Chairman and CEO
Kansas City Royals
One Royal Way
Kansas City, MO 64129

Dear Mr. Hunt and Mr. Sherman,

I am reaching out regarding the upcoming April 2, 2024 special election for a new sales tax initiative that has the potential to significantly benefit the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals, with projections indicating over \$2 billion in generated revenue for your organizations.

As the steward of Jackson County's fiscal health and community welfare, I am faced with the immediate concern of covering the \$1,000,000 cost associated with conducting this unplanned special election—an expenditure not accounted for in our fiscal year 2024 budget. This unforeseen expense necessitates consideration of drawing from our emergency reserves, a decision that poses a significant dilemma given our commitment to safeguarding the county's financial stability.

In light of the substantial future benefits that the proposed new sales tax would deliver exclusively to your teams, combined with the significant investment your organizations have made to the campaign for the sales tax, as revealed in recent disclosures, I am respectfully asking the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals to cover the cost of the upcoming special election. This request is underscored by a keen understanding of the financial implications and is

made in the spirit of the longstanding partnership that has characterized our relationship, clearly illustrating not only your vested interest in the outcome but also your financial capacity to support these costs.

Your agreement to cover these election costs would serve as a testament to your organizations' commitment to our community and its well-being. It would also alleviate the financial burden on the taxpayers of Jackson County, ensuring that our emergency funds remain intact for true unforeseen crises, thereby reinforcing public trust and confidence in both our governance and your stewardship of our beloved sports teams.

I believe this approach not only addresses the immediate fiscal challenge but also sets a precedent for collaborative problem-solving and mutual support between Jackson County and its most iconic sports franchises. This gesture would undoubtedly resonate deeply within our community, further solidifying the bond between your teams and the residents who support them.

I am hopeful for your positive consideration of this request and am available to discuss any details or concerns you may have. Together, we can turn this challenge into an opportunity for demonstrating exceptional leadership and community solidarity.

Looking forward to your response,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank White, Jr.', with a stylized, cursive script.

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