



September 17, 2026

Mayor Doug Wilson and Members of the Kannapolis City Council
Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of Kannapolis City Council,

A thriving business community depends on more than buildings, roads, and available sites. It also depends on whether people see a community as a place where they want to live, work, and raise a family.

The Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Kannapolis' \$40 million general obligation bond referendum. If approved on November 3, the bond would fund priority parks and recreation projects including, but not limited to, construction of three new parks, expansions of the city's greenway network, and renovations to the historic Gem Theatre.

Parks, greenways, and cultural amenities contribute directly to a community's quality of life. They provide opportunities for employees and their families to spend time together, stay active, and connect with their neighbors. They also help local businesses recruit and retain talented workers and make the community more attractive to prospective employers considering where to locate or expand.

Supporting local businesses also means supporting the employees, customers, and families who sustain them. Investments that make Kannapolis a more welcoming and vibrant place ultimately strengthen the economic foundation of the entire community.

The Chamber's support of this referendum complements our support for the Cabarrus County Schools and Kannapolis City Schools bond, and the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College bond. Together, the three proposals represent meaningful investments in education, workforce development, and quality of life.

The Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the 2026 City of Kannapolis parks bond and encourages Kannapolis voters to vote "Yes" on November 3.

For more information, please visit www.kannapolisparksbond.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alison Paladino'.

Alison Paladino
President & CEO
On behalf of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors