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Dear Resident,

Kenton County is growing by leaps and bounds! Independence has become one of the most attractive places to live and to do business in the Northern Kentucky area. While there are many benefits of growth, not all growth is good growth. Have you thought about why you like Independence, what you want to see happen, or what you think would make it better? Here is your chance to be heard and have an impact on the future of our community. The City of Independence in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) and Kinzelman Kline Gossman (KKG), planning and design consultants, are conducting a Small Area Study for the central core area of Independence including the areas from Summit View School to Kenton Elementary.

The attached survey asks questions concerning local amenities, neighborhood character, and growth management practices. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey accordingly and return it to the City of Independence Municipal Building at 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, KY, on or before **Friday February 9, 2007**. For your convenience this survey can also be filled out and submitted online at <http://www.nkapc.org/IndStudy/IndependenceSurvey.pdf>. Your response to the survey is an important part to the planning process and will impact the recommendations produced at the end of this study. All responses will be read and reviewed by the design team prior to the beginning of an interactive design workshop that will be open to the public.

The interactive design workshop will consist of three meetings. A kick-off presentation will be given by KKG and Market Research Analyst, Doug Harnish from GEM Public Sector Services on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at Independence City Hall from 7:00-9:00 PM. The presentation will provide information and facts concerning the physical, social, environmental, and economic conditions of the area. On Saturday, February 24 at St. Cecelia school cafeteria there will be two community design sessions in which the design team will work with participants to generate ideas for making Independence a better place to live (all members of the community are encouraged to participate). The morning session will last from 10:00-11:30 AM and an afternoon session will last from 3:30-5:00 PM. Design and planning solutions responding to citizen input will be displayed and presented on Monday, February 26 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Independence City Hall. In addition, both of the presentations given at Independence City Hall will be video recorded and broadcast on the public access television network.

This survey and workshop series is specifically designed to actively involve the citizens of Independence and to gather input from all members of the community. We value your opinion and hope you will join us in this process.

If you have any further questions please contact Emalee Listerman, Principal Planner, NKAPC, at elisterman@nkapc.org or (859) 331-8980.

Thanking you,

Mayor Chris Moriconi