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Mayor Vetoes Port Authority Appointment

This afternoon the Mayor sent the following veto message to the City Council:

The City Attorney issued an opinion that the City Charter requires that the Mayor has the sole authority to name representatives to the Board of the Port Authority of Kansas City for confirmation by the City Council. Resolution 100695, As Amended, regarding the appointment of Charles S. Runnion, III, violates the City Charter, and therefore I am vetoing it.

It is my duty as Mayor to uphold the City Charter on behalf of the citizens who approved it. I have withheld using veto power for only the most significant cases, those where I felt the Charter or Constitution was being violated. This is just such a case. I also have the duty to protect the integrity of the Mayor's Office, not just for myself, but for future Mayors.

Attached is a memo from City Attorney Galen Beaufort explaining his opinion.

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