



**FRANK WHITE, JR.**  
Jackson County Executive

**Date:** March 1, 2024

**To:** Mr. Shawn Foster  
Chairman  
Jackson County Sports Complex Authority

**From:** Frank White, Jr., Jackson County Executive  
Jeanie Lauer, Chairwoman, Jackson County Legislature

**Subject:** Request for Investigation into Structural Integrity Claims of Arrowhead and Kauffman Stadiums

Dear Mr. Foster,

We are writing to you with a matter of urgent concern regarding recent claims made by Mr. Mark Donovan, President of the Kansas City Chiefs, concerning the structural integrity of Arrowhead Stadium and Kauffman Stadium. As stewards of Jackson County's interests and resources, it is imperative that we address these claims promptly and transparently.

Mr. Donovan has publicly stated that Arrowhead Stadium does not suffer from "concrete cancer" or Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), whereas Kauffman Stadium, constructed in the same period and ostensibly with the same materials, does due to a purportedly "bad batch" of concrete. This assertion raises significant questions, particularly as the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority's annual facility report has made no mention of ASR or similar structural concerns.

Given the gravity of these claims and the potential implications for public safety and financial stewardship, we formally request that the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority initiate an immediate and thorough investigation into the veracity of Mr. Donovan's statements. It is crucial that this investigation:

1. Assess the current structural condition of both Arrowhead and Kauffman Stadiums, with a specific focus on the presence of ASR or any other forms of concrete degradation.
2. Review the maintenance and repair records of both stadiums to evaluate whether appropriate measures have been taken to ensure their "first class condition," as required by our agreements with both teams.
3. Make the findings of this investigation public at the earliest possible convenience.



This request comes at a critical juncture, as Jackson County voters are currently considering a new sales tax proposal, set for a vote in just a month. The outcome of this investigation could have significant implications for voter decision-making, especially as early voting has already commenced. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that voters are fully informed about the state of our community assets and the potential financial implications of the proposed tax.

We understand the gravity of this request and the work it entails. However, the integrity of our public structures and the trust of our constituents demand nothing less. We urge you to prioritize this investigation and provide timely updates on its progress.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We are available to discuss this further if needed and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Frank White, Jr.  
Jackson County Executive

Jeanie Lauer  
Chairwoman, Jackson County Legislature