

# 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Proposal for Review

November 1, 2022

Special Committee on Legal Review



# Purpose

## MISSOURI

Establish major priorities and positions on items that may come before the **Missouri General Assembly** in 2023, which substantially impact the lives of Kansas Citizens and/or the fundamental operations of the City government

## KANSAS

Establish major priorities and positions on items that may come before the **Kansas State Legislature** in 2023, which substantially impact the lives of Kansas Citizens and/or the fundamental operations of the City government

## FEDERAL

Establish major priorities and positions on items that may come before the **U.S. Congress in 2023**, which substantially impact the lives of Kansas Citizens and/or the fundamental operations of the City government

# Our Lobbying Team



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# Structure

- 1. MAJOR PRIORITIES:** the top areas to focus advocacy on in 2023
  - *Highly relevant to pressing issues impacting Kansas City*
  - *Likelihood of discussion in the 2023 Legislative Session*
- 2. POSITIONS:** other matters that may come before the Legislature or Congress, on which the City has an opinion or desired outcome
  - *Grouped topically for ease of reading, and sorted alphabetically*
- 3. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' POSITIONS:** endorsement of other organization's legislative agendas

# Key considerations

- Major issues impacting Kansas Citians
  - Including but not limited to crime and public safety, affordable housing, economic development, and increasing the quality of local government services
- Unrealized positions and priorities from last year
- Suggestions from Department Directors, based on challenges they have encountered with state or federal laws
- Discussions with lobbying team on issues that may come before the state or federal legislative branches in 2023
- Regional issues impacted by the legal environment in Kansas

# MISSOURI

**Establishing major priorities and positions on items that may come before the Missouri General Assembly in 2023, which substantially impact the lives of Kansas Citians and/or the fundamental operations of the City government**

Resolution # 220956



# MAJOR PRIORITIES

1. **Local Decision Making\***
2. **Promoting Tax Uniformity in the Accommodation Industry\***
3. **Housing Affordability and Homelessness Prevention\***
4. **Recidivism Reduction**
5. **Capturing Revenue through Regulated Sports Gaming**

*\*Appeared in last year's major priorities*

# POSITIONS: Finance & Governance

*Items continued from last year*

**Access to Democracy.** Supporting early voting, same-day registration, removing voter ID requirements.

**City Contracting.** Ability to award contracts to lowest and best bidder.

**Discriminatory Laws.** Opposing discriminatory laws and supporting additional protections under the Missouri Human Rights Act (e.g., MONA)

**Earnings Tax.** Supporting extension of the earnings tax.

**Video Lottery Terminals.** Opposing legalization of VLTs in home dock cities.



# POSITIONS: Finance & Governance

*New items added this year*

**Effective Marijuana Regulation.** Supporting local revenue capture and measures that would address concerns with the proposed constitutional amendment.

**Efficiency in Tax Administration.** Supporting sharing of state and local tax data.

**Liability Exposure.** Eliminating City liability for the torts of KCPD officers and exempting governments from punitive damage in Human Rights Act cases.

**Parity in Access to State Tax Refunds.** Allow a refund offset program.

**Unnecessary Reporting Burdens.** Exemption from reporting on municipal fines, which regularly fall far below allowed thresholds.

# POSITIONS: Health & Public Safety

*Items continued from last year*

**Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence.** Includes restricting concealed firearm carry by persons who are subject to a restraining order or convicted of domestic violence.

**Safe Parks and Public Spaces.** Support Blair's law legislation.

*New items added this year*

**Childhood Lead Exposure.** Updating lead level testing requirements.

**Crime Victims Compensation Fund.** Increase access to available funds.

# POSITIONS: Health & Public Safety

*New items added this year*

**Healthcare Access.** Oppose efforts that restrict access to or criminalize healthcare services, including reproductive health.

**Health Insurance Coverage.** Expand health insurance coverage.

**Police Department Transparency.** Allow immediate release of dash-cam and body-cam videos.

**Public Health Funding.** Support funding for public health agencies.

**Remove Restrictions on Chief of Police Salary.**

**Revocation of the Second Amendment Preservation Act.** Remove restrictions on local law enforcement agencies when complying with federal laws and collaborating with federal agencies.

# POSITIONS: Housing, Community & Economic Development

*Items continued from last year*

**Quality Child Care.** Expand access to full-day and full-year pre-K programs.

*New items added this year*

**Access to Homeownership.** Expand assistance and mortgage access for first-time homebuyers.

**Addressing Bight and Vacancy.** Authorize fines/taxation of corporations that leave residential properties vacant or blighted for multiple years.

**Liquor Licensing Reform.** Remove barriers for large community events and update fee structure

# POSITIONS: Housing, Community & Economic Development

*New items added this year*

**Missouri Film Rebate Program.** Reinstate the program.

**Supporting Missouri's Workforce.** Expand workforce development programming and support flexibility for cities to raise the minimum wage.

**Tourism, Travel, and Special Events.** Increase appropriations for conventions and tourism.

**Transparency in Home Sales.** Support legislative action to improve transparency surrounding investor purchasing of homes.

# POSITIONS: Transportation & Infrastructure

*Items continued from last year*

**Climate Protection and Resiliency.** Efforts to meet the City's Climate goals.

**Safe Streets.** Allow cities to prohibit dangerous driving practices.

**Transportation Funding.** Increase funding for our transportation needs.

*New items added this year*

**Broadband Access.** Equitable distribution of broadband funds and inclusion of cities in planning efforts.

# OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' POSITIONS

**Kansas City Consensus Agenda for Economic Development**

# KANSAS

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Resolution # 220955





# POSITIONS

**Transatlantic Air Service.** Support transatlantic air service to MCI.

**World Cup.** Funding, planning, and preparation support.

**Fixed Rail Transit.** Support expansion of fixe rail streetcar.

**Preventing Homelessness.** Invest in permanent supportive housing and regional coordination of services to end homelessness.

**Legal Marijuana.** Decriminalize marijuana and address overly burdensome penalties related to marijuana offenses.

# FEDERAL

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Resolution # 220957



# MAJOR PRIORITIES

1. **Equitable Distribution of Funds\***
2. **Violence Reduction\***
3. **Housing**
4. **Transportation**
5. **Economic Support\***

*\*Appeared in last year's major priorities*

# POSITIONS: Finance & Governance

*New items added this year*

**Protecting Individual Rights.** Codify basic individual rights that have historically only been protected by legal precedent.

**Reducing Reporting Burdens.** Oppose unnecessary and unfunded reporting standards placed on local governments.

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# POSITIONS: Health & Public Safety

*Items continued from last year*

**Center for Disease Control Funding.** Increase CDC funding, which supports local health departments.

**Early Childhood Education.** Increase access to early learning programs.

**Family & Medical Leave.** National paid family leave program.

**Reentry Support.** Policies and programs that reduce recidivism.

**Urban Areas Security Initiative Funding.** Funding to prevent terrorism and respond more effectively to disaster events.

**Violent Crime Prevention.** Increase funding for efforts that reduce crime.

# POSITIONS: Health & Public Safety

*New items added this year*

**Emergency Personnel.** Increase funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.

# POSITIONS: Housing & Economic Development

*Items continued from last year*

**Affordable Housing Development and Preservation.** Increase funding for programs like HOME, CDBG, and LIHTC.

**Building Efficiency.** Expand funding for programs that allow city residents to improve the energy efficiency of their residences and businesses.

**Homeownership and Local Development.** Support incentives for small-scale developers and residents to convert vacant or underutilized land into owner-occupied affordable housing.



# POSITIONS: Housing & Economic Development

*New items added this year*

**Digital Access.** Support programs that expand digital access and literacy in urban areas.

**Expedite Housing Development.** Streamline federal processes impacting the development of affordable housing, including environmental review requirements.

# POSITIONS: Transportation & Infrastructure

*Items continued from last year*

**Climate Protection and Resiliency.** Support efforts to meet City goals.

**Construction and Investigations Programs.** Support flood risk management and water resource efforts.

**EPA Consent Decree.** Reduce financial burden of water rates on residents.

**Infrastructure Efficiency.** Support programs that assist with energy efficiency in infrastructure.

**Rate Payer Assistance.** Expand programs that provide assistance to rate payers.

# POSITIONS: Transportation & Infrastructure

*New items added this year*

**Renewable Fuel Standards.** Re-evaluate ethanol fuel stock requirements.

**Transportation Infrastructure Funding.** Develop a uniform national alternative to gas/fuel taxes and invest in smart technologies to appropriately measure on road vehicles.

# OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' POSITIONS

**Kansas City Consensus Agenda for Economic Development**



# **KANSAS CITY MISSOURI**