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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 220955

Sponsors: Mayor Quinton Lucas and Councilmember Kevin McManus

Establishing the City of Kansas City’s major priorities and positions on matters of regional importance to the Kansas City metropolitan area and for the 2023 session of the Kansas State Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Legislature will convene on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in the past, Kansas City has partnered with federal, state and local representatives and governmental entities across the state line to address many of the issues impacting our region; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the lives of Kansas Citizens are impacted by the regulatory environment across the state line and wishes to support coordinated, regional approaches to priority issues; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City adopts the following major priorities on matters that impact federal, state and local government partners in Kansas and that may come before the 2023 session of the Kansas State Legislature:

- **Transatlantic Air Service.** Support state incentives to attract and maintain transatlantic air service from the largest airports serving Kansas residents, including MCI.
- **World Cup.** Support funding and other efforts related to planning and preparation for the 2026 World Cup, which will showcase the Kansas City region to the world.
- **Fixed Rail Transit.** Support efforts to expand existing fixed rail streetcar infrastructure to enable increased mobility for residents of Kansas and surrounding areas.
- **Preventing Homelessness and Support for Affordable Housing.** Support increased investments in pathways to safe and affordable housing and permanent supportive housing for people exiting homelessness and encourage regional coordination of services, outreach, and data-sharing related to homelessness.
- **Legal Marijuana.** Support efforts to decriminalize marijuana and take reparative action to address overly burdensome penalties related to marijuana offenses. Coordinated and more equitable marijuana regulation across state lines can make the legal system more just and navigable for all Kansas Citizens.

