

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

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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

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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.

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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.

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