

# 2022 KCMO CONSENSUS AGENDA ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## MISSOURI PRIORITIES

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- 1. Transportation + Infrastructure Funding**

Support both traditional and innovative ways to fund transportation and infrastructure throughout Missouri and the KC region. This includes support of expanded broadband access. We support a significant portion of American Rescue Plan dollars to be used to fund infrastructure.
- 2. Enabling “Sidelined Workers”**

As a means of supporting companies and also sidelined workers’ ability to enter/re-enter the workforce to help grow the economy, we support measures such as training, re-skilling, implementing Medicaid expansion, second chance hiring initiatives, public transportation, and addressing the affordability of both childcare and early childhood education.
- 3. Funding Entrepreneurship**

We support additional funding and regulatory reforms for entrepreneurs and early-stage companies, specifically for under-emphasized areas and populations. This includes retaining ongoing appropriations for LaunchKC, increasing funding for the Missouri Technology Corporation, and supporting the Keystone Innovation District and other entities that enable local entrepreneurs.
- 4. Opposing Discriminatory Legislation**

We oppose discriminatory legislation, which would detrimentally impact economic development and Missouri’s ability to attract sporting events and conventions. We support legislation like the Missouri Non-Discrimination Act to create a more equitable Missouri.
- 5. Support for Housing**

Support state action and funding to assist with the development of affordable housing and transitional housing for individuals and families in need. Retaining and growing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) is vital to this endeavor.
- 6. Taxes & Economic Development Tools**

Support local decision making for both incentive programs and taxes levied at the local level, as well as continued state funding for assets in Kansas City which provide economic benefit to the state of Missouri. We support the creation or modification of economic development tools which help Missouri’s competitiveness. This includes retaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and also revising the state’s Historic Tax Credit scoring formula, which currently disadvantages Kansas City.
- 7. Missouri Works Wage Thresholds**

We support re-evaluating wage thresholds for state incentives to be more conducive to growing entry level employment and jobs with a self-sustaining wage. We support coupling thresholds with NAICS codes to enable competitiveness in growing a more diverse industry base.
- 8. Support for K-12 Public Schools & Higher Education**

We support accountable public school education systems, and area school boards and their right to local control. We oppose efforts to divert state or federal funds meant for public schools. We recognize the strong link between quality public education and a diverse and world class workforce.
- 9. Opposing Video Lottery Terminals**

To protect jobs and local revenue, we oppose the passage of any legislation that permits the placement of Video Lottery Terminals outside of casinos.

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## FEDERAL PRIORITIES

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1. **Transportation + Infrastructure Funding**  
Support both traditional and innovative ways to fund transportation, infrastructure, and flood control throughout Missouri and the KC region. This includes support of expanded broadband access.
2. **Federal Jobs in KC**  
Recognizing Kansas City as an ideal location for government operations, we support the addition of federal jobs in Kansas City.
3. **Support for Housing**  
Support state action and funding to assist with the development of affordable housing and transitional housing for individuals and families in need. Retaining and growing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) is vital to this endeavor.

## 2022 CONSENSUS AGENDA PARTNERS
