



**Peoria City/County
Health Department**

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2021 Joint Legislative Agenda

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Requests for Direct Sponsorship

- **Joint Request – Reduce Sales Tax Administrative Fee:** Repeal the 1.5% administrative fee on locally imposed sales taxes and restore these critical funds to county and municipal governments for the direct funding of programs and services for their residents.
- **Joint Request – Automatic Appropriation Authority:** Annual appropriation authority is needed for MFT, video/casino gaming, Use Tax and 9-1-1 revenues to be distributed to local governments. Making these revenue sources continuing appropriations would eliminate these important local revenue sources from being dependent on the state budgeting process.
- **Joint Request – Appropriations for Rebuild Illinois Authorized Projects:** Locally, over \$106 million has been authorized for almost 50 projects through Rebuild Illinois, but many haven't been appropriated. Include in the SFY2022 Budget appropriation authority for these projects.
 - Main Street (\$25 million)
 - Peoria Civic Center (\$25 million)
 - Peoria Riverfront (\$15 million)
 - Lake Street and Gale Avenue (\$6 million)
 - Southside Fire Station and Community Center (\$5 million)
 - Allen Road (\$3 million)
- **Joint Request – Grant Accountability and Transparency Act:** Exempt state shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government (the Local Government Distributive Fund, Local Health Protection Funds, and Motor Fuel Tax Funds) from GATA. Co-sponsor with Senator Manar a new bill that mirrors SB 2284 from the 101st General Assembly.
- **Joint Request – 9-1-1 Surcharge Extension:** Support the extension of the current \$1.50 9-1-1 surcharge.
- **City Request – Public Safety Pension Reform:** Support an extended amortization period, such as a rolling 30-year period from the current, fixed 2040 date. Support the elimination of the 3% compounded increase for new hires after 1/1/22.
- **City Request – Rivers Edge Redevelopment Zone Tax Credit Extension:** Support an additional five (5) year extension of the Rivers Edge Redevelopment Zone Tax Credit to continue to fuel the growth of the Warehouse District.
- **City Request – Rivers Edge Redevelopment Zone Tax Credit Window:** Support the ability of developers to avail themselves of the Rivers Edge Redevelopment Zone Tax Credit for a period of

five (5) years if they act on the Tax Credit during the eligible window. This would afford the maximization of the credit and encourage additional redevelopment.

- **City Request – TIF District Extensions:** Support the extension of the Warehouse District and Hospitality Improvement Zone Tax Increment Financing Districts.
- **City Request – Tax Incentives:** Support HB 4410 (Spain) that amends the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/ 18/180) to include residential rehabilitation as well as new construction being eligible for a tax abatement.
- **County Request – County Motor Fuel Tax Law:** Expand 55 ILCS 5/5-1035.1 to include all non-home rule counties to impose a county MFT not to exceed eight cents per gallon following passage of an ordinance or resolution by the county board.
- **County Request – FICA and IMRF Reimbursement for Court Employees:** Enact legislation so that salary reimbursements from the AOIC to include FICA, Medicare and IMRF for Juvenile Detention, Court Administration, Probation and Pre-Trial employees of the Circuit Court that are currently paid by Counties.
- **County Request – Juvenile Justice Reform:** Support legislation to make time from arrest to detention hearing 48 hours (federal standard).

Request for Position Support

- **Joint Request – Protect State-Shared Partnership Revenue:** Oppose legislation that diverts funding from units of local government to the State, including Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue, Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenue, local sales tax revenue, Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenue and any other state-collected government revenues that enable counties to provide appropriate levels of service to their residents. Support efforts that protect and enhance existing revenue base of local governments in the face of increasing pressure to use traditionally local revenues to bridge the State budget gap.
- **City Request – Broaden Sales Tax Base:** Taxing services (in addition to goods) would increase state and local revenues, bring Illinois in line with most other states, and allow localities to lower home rule sales tax rates on goods.
- **City Request - Preserve Home Rule Powers:** Support efforts to preserve home rule authority when drafting statewide legislation.
- **City Request – IHDA Land Bank Operations:** Support HB 4781 (Bennett) to implement a \$200 fee when taxes are purchased through the County tax auction that would be specifically earmarked for blight removal efforts related to demolition and lot maintenance for abandoned properties.
- **County Request – State Salary Reimbursement Funding:** Support annual appropriation for full funding of salary reimbursements in the Supreme Court budget for probation officers, juvenile detention workers, and pre-trial services.
- **County Request – Home Rule Authority:** Support legislation and policies that have the effect of providing the 101 Illinois counties without home rule authority with the tools and opportunities available to a county operating under home rule.
- **PCCHD Request – Increase funding and flexibility to the Local Health Protection Grant:** Increase funding to the Local Health Protection Grant from the current \$18.1 million to \$50/\$30 million for FY 2021.

- **PCCHD Request – Cottage Food:** Support legislation that balances the need for food safety mechanisms in preventing disease and illness while encouraging small business growth.

Vertical Capital Projects

- **City Request – Demolition of vacant dangerous structures:** Support \$4 million in funding for demolition of old Harrison School, McKinley School and blighted properties throughout the City.
- **City Request – Relocation of the State Street Post Office and Ameren Gas Facility Acquisition:** Support the acquisition and relocation of the US Post Office on State Street and the acquisition of the former Ameren gas facility on Persimmon (\$10.0M). This 27.1 acre area would extend the development of the Warehouse District and the recreational space along the Illinois River.
- **City Request - Ameren Substation relocation at Sterling:** Support funding (\$2.0M) to relocate or screen the Ameren Substation from Sterling Avenue (District 4).
- **City Request - Warehouse District Parking Structure:** Support funding (\$9.0-12.0 M) for a parking deck in the Warehouse District to accommodate the parking needs of new residential units (District 1).
- **County Request – New Health & Human Services Campus:** Secure funding (\$10.0 M) for construction to consolidate multiple county offices into a unified Health and Human Services (HHS) Campus that is commiserate with the healthcare infrastructure in Peoria (District 5).
- **County Request – Replace Fleet Garage and Salt Dome:** Secure funding (\$2.8 M) to replace the County Fleet Garage and adjacent Salt Dome (District 18).
- **County Request – Juvenile Detention & Jail Roofs:** Secure funding (\$2.25 M) to replace both roofs at the Juvenile Detention Center and Peoria County Jail (District 18).
- **County Request – Election Commission:** Secure funding (\$700 K) to acquire the land and building where the Peoria County Election Commission currently resides (District 6).
- **County Request – Courtroom Technology:** Secure funding (\$300 K) to acquire technology improvements to Peoria County Courthouse courtrooms so that IDOC and IDJJ can reduce number of transports from state facilities to Peoria County when someone in the State’s custody is making a court appearance (District 3).
- **County Request –Memorials:** Secure funding (\$100 K) to create perpetual care fund for Soldiers & Sailors (Civil War), Lincoln Draws A Line in the Sand, World War I & II, and Korea, Vietnam, War on Terror memorials (District 3).

Horizontal Capital Projects

- **City Request - Pioneer Parkway:** Support funding (\$16.0M) for the rehabilitation of Pioneer Parkway from Knoxville to Allen Rd (District 5).
- **City Request - Glen Avenue:** Support funding (\$12.0M) for the rehabilitation of Glen Avenue from University to War Memorial Drive (District 4).
- **City Request – Allen Road:** Support funding (\$12.0M) for the rehabilitation of Allen Road from War Memorial Drive to Willow Knolls (District 5).
- **City Request – Prospect Avenue:** Support funding (\$12.0M) for the rehabilitation of Prospect Avenue from Knoxville to Belmont Place (District 3).

- **City Request - Commercial Street:** Support the extension (\$2.2M) of Commercial Street from Oak to Persimmon (District 1).
- **City Request – MacArthur Corridor Plan:** Support funding (\$10.0-15.0 M) to assist in redeveloping MacArthur Highway for residential and commercial redevelopment.
- **City Request – Rte 116 Pavement Restoration:** Support funding (\$5.0 M) for IDOT to mill and overlay Lincoln and Howett from Adams to Western (District 1).
- **City Request – Springdale Cemetery Road Network:** Support funding (\$5.0 M) for improvements to the road network within Springdale Cemetery (District 3).
- **County Request – Sheridan Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$4.5 M) to reconstruct Sheridan Road from Glen Avenue to Northmoor Road to an urban cross-section (District 10).
- **County Request - Maxwell / Middle Roads Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$5.5 M) to reconstruct Maxwell Road from Ill Rte 116 to E.M. Dirksen Parkway. Major bridge funding has been included in IDOT’s TIP for the rehabilitation of a bridge structure over unused Union Pacific RR right-of-way (Districts 1, 17, 18).
- **County Request – Willow Knolls Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$3.2 M) to reconstruct Willow Knolls Road from Allen Road to University Street to an urban cross-section (District 15).
- **County Request – Radnor Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$13.4 M) to reconstruct Radnor Road from Willow Knolls Road to Alta Lane to an urban cross-section (District 15).
- **County Request – Jail Ring Road:** Secure funding (\$2.0M) to reconstruct driveways, parking areas, and ring road for Peoria County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center.

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