



**Peoria City/County  
Health Department**

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## **2020 Joint Legislative Agenda**

**January 2020**

### Requests for Direct Sponsorship

- **Joint Request – Reduce Sales Tax Administrative Fee:** Eliminate or reduce the 1.5% administrative fee on the collection of locally-imposed sales taxes.
- **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.
- **Joint Request – 9-1-1 Surcharge Extension:** Support the extension of the current \$1.50 9-1-1 surcharge.
- **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 – Public Safety Pension Reform:** Support an extended amortization period, such as a rolling 30-year period from the current, fixed 2040 date.
- **County Request – FICA and IMRF Reimbursement for Court Employees:** Expand 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 – County Motor Fuel Tax Law:** Expand 55 ILCS 5/5-1035.1 to include counties with a population greater than 150,000 at the time of the most recent federal census.
- **County Request – Juvenile Justice Reform:** Support legislation to make time from arrest to detention hearing 48 hours (federal standard).
- **PCCHD Request – Data Accountability:** Support legislation that centralizes and creates timely, specific and transparent reporting of data by State agencies.

## Request for Position Support

- **Joint Request - Illinois Fiscal Concerns:** Oppose legislation that diverts funding from units of local government to the State. 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.
- **Joint 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.
- **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.
- **City Request - Preserve Home Rule Powers:** Support efforts to preserve home rule authority when drafting statewide legislation.
- **City Request - Tax Buyer Fees:** Sponsor legislation to implement a non-refundable 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.
- **City Request - Blight Task Force Recommendations:** Support Illinois Housing Development Authority's recommendations from Blight Task Force: 1) to allow counties and cities to recoup costs related to Trustee property maintenance from auction proceeds; and 2) to allow counties and municipalities to petition the Court to declare vacant lots abandoned similar to the process for vacant abandoned structures.
- **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 - Medicaid Pending for Skilled Nursing Facilities:** Resolve backlog of CMS' Macon County Office to comply with Federal Law and rule on Medicaid-Pending requests within 45 days.
- **PCCHD Request – Increase funding to the Local Health Protection Grant:** Increase funding to the Local Health Protection Grant from the current \$18.1 million to \$26 million for FY 2021.
- **PCCHD Request – HB2313 IL Violence Reduction Act:** Support funding towards community-based violence reduction programs.
- **PCCHD Request – Electronic Cigarettes/Vaping:** Support legislation that aligns flavored tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and vaping into standards of traditional tobacco; recognizing the health impacts posed by electronic cigarettes / vaping.

## Capital Projects

- **City Request - West Main Street:** Support funding (\$24.0M) for the rehabilitation of West Main Street from Farmington Road to Adams Street (Districts 1 and 2).
- **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 - Commercial Street:** Support the extension (\$2.2M) of Commercial Street from Oak to Persimmon (District 1).
- **City Request – Riverfront Park Development:** Support funding (\$10.0-20.0M) to redesign the Peoria Riverfront from “Bridge to Bridge.” Amenities would include: Flood control; adaptive reuse; and recreation (District 1).
- **City Request - Warehouse District Parking Structure:** Support funding (\$9.0-12.0M) for a parking deck in the Warehouse District to accommodate the parking needs of new residential units (District 1).
- **City Request – MacArthur Corridor Plan:** Support funding (\$10.0-15.0M) to assist in redeveloping MacArthur Highway for residential and commercial redevelopment.
- **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 the Ameren Substation from Sterling Avenue (District 4).
- **County Request – Lake Street Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$3.2M) to reconstruct Lake Street from Sheridan Road to Ill Rte 40 / Knoxville Avenue to an urban cross-section.
- **County Request – Gale Avenue Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$3.2M) to reconstruct Gale Avenue from Sterling Avenue to Forest Hill Avenue to an urban cross-section.
- **County Request – Sheridan Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$4.5M) to reconstruct Sheridan Road from Glen Avenue to Northmoor Road to an urban cross-section.
- **County Request - Maxwell / Middle Roads Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$5.5M) 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.
- **County Request – Willow Knolls Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$3.2M) to reconstruct Willow Knolls Road from Allen Road to University Street to an urban cross-section.
- **County Request – Radnor Road Reconstruction:** Secure funding (\$13.4M) to reconstruct Radnor Road from Willow Knolls Road to Alta Lane to an urban cross-section

- **County Request – New Health & Human Services Campus:** Secure funding (\$1.0M) for architectural and engineering design services to replace the existing City-County Health Department and consolidate other county offices into a Health and Human Services (HHS) Campus.
- **County Request – Replace Fleet Garage and Salt Dome:** Secure funding (\$2.8M) to replace the County Fleet Garage and adjacent Salt Dome.
- **County Request – Juvenile Detention & Jail Roofs:** Secure funding (\$2.25M) to replace both roofs at the Juvenile Detention Center and Peoria County Jail.
- **County Request – Election Commission:** Secure funding (\$700K) to acquire the land and building where the Peoria County Election Commission currently resides.
- **County Request – Courtroom Technology:** Secure funding (\$300K) 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.
- **County Request – PCAPS Veterinary Surgical Suite:** Secure funding (\$350K) for either an addition or remodeling of PCAPS to create a veterinary surgical suite for in-house spay-neuter procedures.
- **County Request –Memorials:** Secure funding (\$100K) 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.

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