

The Economic Justice Pledge

A diverse group of stakeholders, including community leaders and people who live and work in KC, have outlined the following priorities for meaningful policy and local leadership. This pledge seeks to bring groups together in order to put KC's working families first. By signing this pledge, you - the candidate - commit to ensuring your work as an elected official reflects these priorities, and to communicate your progress in advancing these priorities at least once per quarter, on a yearly basis.

Stand in Solidarity with Organized Labor

- TIF-funded, tax abatement-funded, bond-funded, and any taxpayer-supported projects, must pay prevailing wage and prioritize local responsible contractors and include registered apprenticeship utilization
- Stand w/striking workers publicly, including, but not limited to, never crossing a strike line
- Support fair contracts and bargaining for municipal workers
- Support city policy to pay all city workers and contractors a living wage.

Protecting & Expanding Housing

- Work to preserve and expand truly affordable housing: rental and owner-occupied
- Work to grow the Housing Trust Fund through ongoing funding from the city
- Explore diverse housing opportunities: incentivize low-income affordable rental housing
- Strengthen tenant rights and prioritize funding for enforcement of tenant protections

Strengthen Infrastructure in Our Neighborhoods

- Address inadequacies and inequity in public transit
- Invest in streets and sidewalks that are safe and accessible for all users, people walking, biking, taking the bus, and driving
- Pledge to vote against any proposals to further privatize city infrastructure, and will work to protect public ownership of infrastructure
- Pledge to support the workers of city services, including, but not limited to, public transit, solid waste, public health, etc.

Address Structural Inequality

- Commit to the principles of co-governance and participatory planning that centers unions and democratically organized community organizations, and not corporate interests
- Seek input on policy from working class, minority, underserved, and LGBT communities to ensure that city policies are intersectional and anti-racist
- Commit to pursuing all viable means to take back full local control of the KCPD from the state and supporting community and neighborhood oversight of KCPD

- Commit to prioritizing, protecting, and expanding publicly owned services, including but not limited to, public transit, utilities, and public health
- Support expanding resource investment in working class neighborhoods, particularly for educational equality, nutritional equality, and accessibility to mental health services
- Protect public libraries and public schools from censorship and bigoted attacks and fostering safety of marginalized groups
- Support a level playing field in politics, pushing back on the influence of corporate donations and working to make them more transparent

Justice for Immigrants

- Support language justice, including improving accessibility to government offices and meetings for non-English speakers
- Ensure that appointments to boards and committees reflect both racial and ethnic diversity of the city, regardless of immigration status
- Support free legal services for indigent immigrants, regardless of immigration status, especially for claims under immigration law
- Support the training of law enforcement so that they understand that immigration law is highly complex and changing and that law enforcement has no responsibility to enforce immigration law. Monitor police compliance in signing U Visas
- Monitor the tracking of police arrests and stops for both racial and ethnic data