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Principles and Priorities

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CORE PRINCIPLES
The federal, state and local governments have a partnership through which numerous governmental services are funded and made available to citizens. This partnership is dependent upon stable funding, preserving decision-making at the appropriate level, and removing barriers to efficient and effective access to services. Johnson County strongly supports these core principles as the means to an effective and improved partnership among each level of government.

PRIORITIES

Repeal of the Property Tax Lid
We strongly oppose any state-imposed limits on the taxing and spending authority of cities and counties and urge the repeal of the property tax lid legislation passed during the 2015 session of the Kansas Legislature.

Limits on Appraised Valuation Growth
We strongly support the continuation of the Kansas Legislature’s decision not to implement artificial limits on appraised valuation growth or budgets by the State.

Sales Tax Exemption
We support the current law that exempts local government and public construction projects from state tax.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan
We urge the Legislature to follow through on the commitments in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, also known as T-WORKS, to ensure the critical maintenance of Kansas infrastructure.

KPERS Funding
We support achieving a fully-funded public employee’s retirement system within a reasonable period of time. The Kansas Government should fully fund its portion of the employer contributions, and the local portion of KPERS should be separated from the state and school retirement system.