

2017 Jackson County Public Policy Council Priorities

- **Transportation:** Support improvements to Missouri's transportation infrastructure that enhances the growth and development of Jackson County **(supported by MO Chamber and MO federation)**
 - Regional transportation plan for eastern Jackson county (county, KCATA, MARC)
 - Supports a local/regional plan to include gas tax, tolls, sales tax, etc...
- **Economic Development:** Support initiatives that will enhance quality business development in Missouri by attracting new and retaining existing employers
 - Improve workforce training funding, effectiveness and certified work ready talent
 - Enhance and simplify local tax abatement process
 - Reinvestment of tax credits and reform
 - Support policy to expand access to broadband, including the final mile buildout, to help Missouri meet 21st Century business needs. **(supported by MO Chamber and MO Federation)**
 - Implement Internet sales tax reform to level the playing field between online and main street retailers **(supported by MO Chamber and MO Federation)**
- **Education:** Support funding for Missouri's educational system (Pre K-12 and higher education) that will prepare students to become suitably competent and workforce ready
 - A long-term plan to fully fund and maintain the integrity of the Foundation Formula.
 - Support investments in high-quality early education programs as well as internship programs within the school districts
 - Fully support funding the A+ scholarship program
 - Advocate for the systematic education reforms driven by employers' workforce needs **(supported by MO Chamber and MO Federation)**
 - Maintaining competitive investment in public higher education to preserve affordability and produce a well-trained workforce
- **Healthcare:** Advocate for an improved healthcare system through the implementation of proactive approaches to decrease the number of uninsured and improve access to healthcare
 - Enact a statewide prescription drug monitoring program that lowers workforce drug abuse and insurance costs for Missouri employers **(supported by MO Chamber and MO Federation)**
 - Support Legislation that provides the appropriate level of funding to ensure the ongoing viability of all health care providers who furnish care to the uninsured and underinsured

Jackson County Public Policy Council represents more than 2,750 businesses totaling over 50,000 employees!

