



Chairman DaRon McGee: Voters Will Decide on September 30th

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*Kansas City, MO*** — Today, a Jackson County judge ruled that the recall election of County Executive Frank White Jr. will proceed as scheduled on Tuesday, September 30th 2025, affirming the County Charter’s requirement for an election to held as soon as possible.

Chairman DaRon McGee issued the following statement:

“I applaud the court’s decision to uphold our County Charter and honor the will of the voters. Today’s ruling sends a clear message that the people of Jackson County—not political maneuvering—will decide this recall.

Now it is time for County Executive Frank White and our election boards to respect this ruling. We recognize the tight timeline, but our voters deserve a

well-run, accessible election on September 30th. I call on election administrators to move quickly and transparently to meet this moment.

The Legislature stands ready to support their efforts so that every eligible voter can cast their ballot without confusion or barriers. This is about protecting democracy and ensuring the voices of our citizens are heard.”

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Press Conference Today at 2pm Regarding Recall Election Date

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Press Conference Today at 2pm Regarding Recall Election Date

Kansas City, MO – Jackson County Legislature Chairman DaRon McGee will hold a press conference today, Monday, **August 4, at 2:00 p.m.**, to address release of the final judgement regarding the recall election of Jackson County Executive Frank White

Chairman McGee will be joined by **Mary Jo Spino**, Clerk of the Jackson County Legislature, and **Patrick McInerney**, counsel for the Jackson County Legislature.

WHAT: Press conference on legal judgement regarding recall election

WHO: Jackson County Legislature Chairman, DaRon McGee; Clerk of the Jackson County Legislature, Mary Jo Spino; Attorney, Patrick McInerney

WHEN: Monday, August 4, at 2:00 p.m

WHERE: Jackson County Courthouse – 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
(2nd Floor Legislative Conference Room)

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Jackson County Executive issues statement regarding Court's ruling on recall election

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr. has issued the following statement regarding the Court's ruling on the recall election:

"I want to thank the Court for its time, attention and thoughtful consideration of this complex and unprecedented matter. The legal issues at stake involve serious conflicts between state laws and constitutional responsibilities, and I appreciate the Court's effort to address them carefully and fairly.

"I'm especially grateful that the Court agreed with my office and both bipartisan Boards of Election that the proposed August recall election was unlawful. It would have violated state and federal election laws and disenfranchised military and overseas voters, something no democracy should tolerate.

"But as a result of this ruling, Jackson County is now being forced into two unscheduled elections just weeks apart: a recall in late September and a proposed change to the selection process of the Assessor in November that won't take effect for years. Neither was planned, budgeted or funded. Not one dollar has been appropriated to pay for either of them.

"Let me be clear: I will always follow the law and comply with final court orders once all legal rights have been exercised, all arguments have been heard, and all decisions are final. Many legal issues remain unresolved, and significant rulings and appeals still lie ahead. But if this effort is ultimately allowed to proceed, it will be a \$5 million mistake – one I believe Jackson County voters will not forget. I will not stop fighting this reckless misuse of public funds and power.

"This recall effort isn't about performance or good government. It's about one thing – stadium subsidies. A small group is now planning yet another unnecessary, unfunded election next April to revive a stadium deal that voters already rejected. And they want me out because I refuse to go along to get along. I believe the people of Jackson County deserve something real in return for a billion-dollar investment – jobs, community benefits, transparency and respect.

"Meanwhile, as everyday costs continue to rise for groceries, gas and housing, our local government is being consumed by political retribution and headlines instead of delivering real results for the people we serve.

"This is a distraction from the work we should be doing. But I won't be deterred. I was elected to serve the people of Jackson County, and I will continue to stand up for them, no matter how hard others try to silence that work."

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