

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing support for equitable property taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21226, April 3, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, in Jackson County there are approximately 296,000 real estate tax parcels;
and,

WHEREAS, the County performs real property reassessment every odd year; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the estimated median household income for Jackson County in 2021 was only \$63,282; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 30.35 percent of households in Jackson County are “burdened,” or spend thirty percent or more of their household income on housing costs, such as rent or mortgage expenses; and,

WHEREAS, populations who live on a fixed income, such as social security or pensions, will be negatively impacted by an unforeseen increase in property taxes that they cannot afford; and,

WHEREAS, the County has responsibility to protect the working-class, historically-marginalized, and vulnerable communities; and,

WHEREAS, increases in property taxes that do not take these issues into consideration can, and will, disproportionately damage these communities, increasing gentrification and making our County a more hostile place for immigrants to live; and,

WHEREAS, the County's residents should have the right to age in place and not be pushed out and or displaced from the County they choose to live in; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature expresses its support for SJR21 and SB190 and other bills pending before the Missouri General Assembly that aim to protect vulnerable communities and set equitable property assessment standards so as not to displace our County residents.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21226 of April 3, 2023, was duly passed on April 24, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

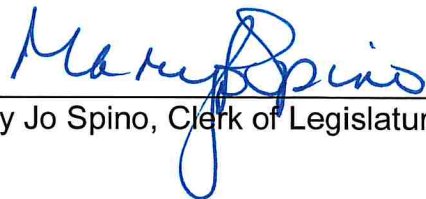
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

4.24.2023
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature