

# **DROPPED - April 15, 2024**

## **IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in opposition to House Bills 2367, 2470, and 2523.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21540**, February 19, 2024

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an eleven-month contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,

WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,

WHEREAS we recognize that our nation was built on voluntary and forced immigrant labor and that today, diversity is the core of our nation's strength; and,

WHEREAS immigration policies based on white supremacy and discrimination have tarnished our nation's history and continue to impede its growth; and,

WHEREAS the militarization of our immigration system is a disproportionate use of force against vulnerable populations; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County is a welcoming County which is home to a large and vibrant immigrant community; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County will take no part in the persecution of undocumented communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature would like to express its opposition to House Bills 2367, 2470, and 2523, as these bills essentially criminalize being an undocumented person statewide on both public and private land; and,

WHEREAS, these House Bills would encourage the discrimination of our immigrant and undocumented communities in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County Legislature opposes House Bills 2367, 2470 and 2523, as they would cause fear, harm and persecution that is fueled by xenophobia; now therefore; and,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in opposition of HB 2367, 2470, and 2523.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky  
Bryan Covinsky (Feb 15, 2024 10:58 CST)  
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County Counselor

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Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21540 of February 19, 2024, was duly ~~passed~~ <sup>dropped</sup> on April 15, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature