

**2015 Legislative Platform
Summary of Changes**

Item #	New/Change	Recommended Change
D1 - Eminent Domain	Change	Sedgwick County opposes the use of eminent domain for private economic development land acquisition purposes.
D3 - Unilateral Annexation	Change	Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners supports legislation that would significantly reduce or eliminate the ability of cities to unilaterally annex property in unincorporated areas. Kansas remains one of the last states that permit essentially unfettered unilateral annexation of land adjoining city limits
D5 - Maintaining Open Government	Change	Sedgwick County supports open government and open access to public records. We support a reduction in the current exemptions to the Kansas Open Records Act. All taxpayer funded organizations should be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act.
D14 - County Sales Tax (becomes D17)	Change	Sedgwick County needs to be able to eliminate its property tax mill levy and replace this levy with a sales tax. Kansas law prevents Sedgwick County from being able to take this action. Current Kansas law limits the amount of sales tax that can be levied and also requires counties to distribute local sales tax revenues to municipalities. Sedgwick County only receives about 27 cents for every \$1 raised by the current one cent local sales tax in this county. All Kansas counties need to have a wider range of fiscal tools that can reduce reliance on the property tax in a revenue neutral manner by utilizing local sales taxes.
F8 - Tax Equity - Part 2	Change	All local sales tax increases must be approved by voters under Kansas law. Sedgwick County supports legislation that would require voter approval for mil levy increases (excluding minor adjustments).
F2- Sedgwick County Health Department	Change	Local health department responsibilities should be focused on the education and management of communicable diseases and disaster preparedness and response. We oppose federal intervention in local health departments via "health department accreditation" and strongly support legislation that prohibits state and local health departments from relinquishing control of their standards to anyone but the state legislature.

D14 - Driver's Permits for Illegal Aliens	New	Sedgwick County opposes legislation that would provide driver's permits to illegal aliens.
D15 - Zoning/Comprehensive Planning	New	Sedgwick County supports changes to the zoning and comprehensive planning statutes that would reduce mandates and increase protections for private property owners in the unincorporated areas.
D16 - Municipal Elections	New	Sedgwick County supports legislation that would move municipal elections to the fall in even or odd numbered years.
D24 - Kansas Threatened & Endangered Species List	New	Sedgwick County supports common sense changes to the Kansas Threatened and Endangered Species Act that would lessen the cost impact on counties.
Current D14-D22 change in numbering if items are added to D17-D22; D20 becomes D23		