



Testimony

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Community Improvement Districts and Grocery Store Sales Tax SB 414

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City is neutral on Senate Bill 414.

The Unified Government officially supports lowering the sales tax on grocery store food. But we have also used the Community Improvement District sales tax to build several grocery stores in food deserts of KCK.

We currently have three CID areas with grocery stores and are working an additional area to upgrade a 1970's era shopping center which has a Sav-A-Lot store.

<u>CID Name</u>	<u>Grocery Store</u>	<u>Grocery Store Address</u>	<u>CID Rate</u>
Shawnee Plaza	Sunfresh	2803 S 47th St	1%
Metropolitan Avenue	Save-A-Lot	2102 Metropolitan Ave	1%
Wyandotte Plaza	Price Chopper	7600 State Ave	1%

We are providing this testimony as information to consider in your deliberations on SB 414.

Not allowing a CID sales tax increment to be added to grocery store food sales would lower the cost of those groceries. But it also would very likely make development of those grocery stores a moot point because they would not be able to be built.