

City of Milwaukee
2023-24 State Legislative Priorities

City of Milwaukee Legislative Agenda

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2023-24 Legislative Session

Milwaukee is the economic engine of the State of Wisconsin. It continues to be a premiere hub of commerce in manufacturing, technology, healthcare, brewing industries, and professional sports. Our diverse community, natural beauty and long-established cultural activities attract visitors from near and far, generating major statewide economic benefits. In 2022, Essence Magazine named Milwaukee one of the "Luxurious Destinations That You Don't Have To Travel Far To Enjoy". National Geographic echoed the adulation in their listing of "25 Best Places in the World to Visit in 2023".

Our distinct and resilient community both supports and challenges state policymakers. The revenue structure allowed by the State impedes Milwaukee's opportunity to diversify its revenue stream. Stagnate state aid continues to impact our financial condition and the sustainability of long-term obligations. An increase in financial liabilities without recognizing and accounting for the fiscal impact of those policies deepens Milwaukee's structural imbalance.

Local governments are directly and immediately linked to citizens. Milwaukee has the direct responsibility of providing necessary daily services, solving day-to-day public problems and responding directly to the needs of its citizens. Partnership involves cooperative behavior and our partnership with the State must be strengthened for direct responses to our citizens, and visitors alike.

Intergovernmental Relations has identified a multitude of opportunities to invest and reinvest in Milwaukee that will garner dividends for the rest of the State. This legislative package identifies numerous ways and policies for the State to build on our inter-dependence and enhance Milwaukee's self-sustaining prosperity.

Key Legislative Priorities

Maintain Local Control and Flexibility

1. Seek repeal of prior legislative actions preempting local government authority and unfunded state mandates, while opposing future incursions on local government authority.

2. Strengthen the ability of local leaders to make decisions that affect their constituents and support and strengthen measures of local control.

3. Maintain full City control over zoning and building code decisions, and the disposition of City-owned real estate assets.

4. Set our own priorities in transportation investment to have a greater voice in influencing transportation plans that satisfy City needs and objectives.

5. Ensure fair, population proportional city representation on state and regional boards and commissions like SEWRPC, MATC, 911 advisory boards, and MMSD.

6. Establish greater local flexibility for tax incremental, business improvement and neighborhood improvement districts and enhance other tools which improve local fiscal health.

Stabilize the City's Fiscal Capacity and Enhance Operational Efficiency

1. Maintain and increase all sources of intergovernmental revenue, especially shared revenue.

2. Establish new local revenue options to support the funding of City services and reduce the reliance on the property tax.

3. Protect and expand the City's property tax base and ensure uniform assessment practices.

4. Seek parity for all municipal employees on pension and healthcare contributions.

5. Ensure that the City receives timely and reliable financial information from the State.

6. Protect matters of interest for city government and residents in utility rate cases.

Promote Racial, Social and Economic Equity for City Residents

1. Support fair, accessible and equitable voting processes that provide and institutionalize early voting and unfettered ballot access to all residents.

2. Promote employability and fair compensation for our residents by funding public and private sector-based training and apprenticeships, youth employment programs, and a higher minimum wage.

3. Increase opportunities for employment by expanding access to driver's education and reducing barriers to former non-violent felony offenders.

4. Support programs that improve family support structures for minorities like the Fatherhood Initiative, the Black Male Achievement Council, and My Brother's Keeper.

5. Improve transitional services to unemployed, underemployed, or incarcerated prisoners in the areas of housing, education, mental health treatment, substance abuse counseling, employment opportunities, and healthcare.

6. Support policies that promote a diverse, inclusive community regardless of immigration status to ensure that resources are accessible to all citizens.

7. Support policies, programs, and practices that address social determinants of health and promote the reduction of racial disparities, supporting racial equity.

8. Support policies that ensure that broadband access is universal, affordable, and addresses digital equity issues.

9. Provide access to safe and affordable multimodal transportation options with equity across all communities based on need.

Strengthen our Environment, our Mobility and our Infrastructure

1. Seek additional funding to support local road, water and sewer infrastructure improvements, with an emphasis on "fixing it first".

2. Support alternative forms of mobility such as rail, public transit, bicycles and pedestrian access, with a balanced funding approach to support urban density as prescribed in SEWRPC's Vision 2050 plan.

3. Ensure residents have a comprehensive and safe transportation system that provides convenient and affordable access to jobs.

4. Invest in freight, rail, air and waterways, especially in the Port of Milwaukee, the Amtrak Hiawatha line, the 30th St. Industrial Corridor and other multi-modal initiatives. Create efficient connections between modes available for the movement of people and goods.

5. Support water, park and lakeshore health and overall sustainability of our environment and natural resources.

6. Support policies that mitigate the effects of climate change, and adaptation measures necessary to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, including a sustainable energy policy that is equitable.

7. Support policies that addresses multi-modal needs of Ports with a focus on rail infrastructure investments.

Invest in and Support Public Safety and Public Health

1. Remove barriers to crime reduction by enacting policies that reduce access to illegal guns, reduce carjacking, and modernize and appropriately funding of the juvenile justice system.

2. Fund and support policies that proportionately reduce lead hazards from paint and water service lines.

3. Support evidence-based policies that protect our children and expand services for our veterans, the homeless and persons with mental health issues.

4. Fund and support policies regarding injury prevention, domestic violence prevention, efforts to stop human trafficking, sexual assault and harassment prevention.

5. Support collaborative efforts by stakeholders to address the opioid epidemic.

6. Reevaluate laws and regulations related to public safety and crime prevention issues.

7. Fund and support Community Prosecution Units and related community-based public safety measures.

8. Support legislative changes outlined in the City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Taskforce.

9. Support legislation and funding for local governments shouldering the local costs of responding to the unprecedented pandemic and economic crisis.

10. Support services for mental health parity and expansion of services to address mental health needs for persons with general mental health conditions, serious mental health diagnoses, and substance use disorders.

Enhance our Neighborhoods and Economic Well Being

1. Invest in foreclosure intervention programs that prevent foreclosures and stabilize properties and neighborhoods.

2. Increase the number and type of economic development incentives, especially those supporting catalytic economic development projects and manufacturing.

3. Fund local educational institutions in a manner that is conscious of educational quality and fair to our taxpayers and support proposals from Milwaukee Public Schools. Seek increased funding for early childhood initiatives and special needs.

4. Secure state support for local economic attractions and cultural institutions.

5. Support policies that preempt disaster-related and unwarranted evictions, and enhance efforts to prevent the displacement of homeowners in neighborhoods with rapidly increasing property values.

6. Encourage efficient land use management and sensitivity to the environment and neighborhoods.

7. Support affordable homeownership, promote affordable rental housing, and provide special needs housing and transitional housing for the homeless.

8. Support comprehensive programs to raise student achievement and support positive whole child development.

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1	**No.**	**Category**	**Department**		**Budget Item**	**New Item**
2	1	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Assessor	Ensure any action to eliminate the personal property tax provides state or other aid to protect residential taxpayers from any shift in the tax burden.	X	
3	2	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Assessor	Create a fee for filing an assessment objection to the Board of Assessors/Board of Review similar to the DOR fee under Wis. Stat. 70.85(3).		Y
4	3	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Assessor	Amend Wis. Stats. § 70.03(1), § 70.32(1) and § 70.112 to redefine real property and clarify the taxability of triple-net leased properties and the value of licenses and permits appertaining to real property (dark store).		
5	4	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Assessor	Amend Wis. Stats. § 70.07 and § 70.075 and 70.47 to require detailed and itemized income and expense information to be submitted to the Board of Assessors in first and second class cities, similar to the provision found in § 70.47(af).		
6	5	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Attorney	Amend Wis. Stats. § 19.31-39, Wisconsin Public Records Law, to create a schedule of fees to be charged for electronic records and specifically amend Wis. Stat. § 19.356 to change the required notification by certified mail to First Class mail.	X	
7	6	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Attorney	Amend Wis. Stats. § 19.36(6) and § 19.35(3), Wisconsin Public Records Law, to address the need for protection of personal identifying information in court records and to create a provision for charging requesters for a record custodian's actual and direct costs of redacting, or separating, portions of records that are not subject to public disclosure from portions that are subject to disclosure.	X	
8	7	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Attorney	Amend Wis. Stat. § 77.255 to reduce the backlog in recording land conveyances.		
9	8	Neighborhoods/Economy	City Attorney	Create Wis. Stat. § 823.111 related to the abatement of nuisances caused by residential rental property mismanagement and extend the ability of a municipality to acquire nuisance property to other properties owned by those defined as habitual nuisance owners.		
10	9	Local Control & Flexibility	City Attorney/City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1109 to create a procedure by which Business Improvement Districts may amend their boundaries.		
11	10	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Clerk	Amend Wis. Stats. Ch. 985 and § 19.84 to allow for substituting internet posting for physical posting of agendas, notices, ordinances, tax liens, and foreclosure petitions.		
12	11	Neighborhoods/Economy	City Clerk	Amend Wis. Stat. § 125.26(6) to add art galleries and other business establishments to the list of locations allowing temporary Class B licenses.		

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13	12	Neighborhoods/Economy	City Clerk	Amend 125.06(6) to allow counties to sell wine at beer gardens.		Y
14	13	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1109(5)(a) to make the definition of commercial property used for purposes of Business Improvement District assessments consistent with the definition used by DOR in the Property Assessment Manual.		
15	14	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1109(2)(c) to rescind the requirement that certified mail be used, and allow instead for First Class mail be used, to send notifications regarding the establishment of Business Improvement Districts and Neighborhood Improvement Districts.		
16	15	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	City Development	Secure an ongoing $2 million per year of assistance toward removing or rehabilitating vacant and/or abandoned property.	X	
17	16	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	City Development	Seek a monetary increase to the historic rehabilitation tax credit cap.	X	
18	17	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1105 (6) (g) to allow municipalities the ability to extend the life of an expiring TID from one to three years for improving and creating workforce/affordable housing, and support other resources to expand affordable housing.		
19	18	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Treasurer	Eliminate the requirement in Wis. Stat. § 75.521(6) to publish the list of tax liens and foreclosure petition as a Class 3 notice as defined in Wis. Stat. Ch. 985.		
20	19	Outdated Statute	City Treasurer	Amend Wis. Stat. 74.81 and 74.87(1) so exception is based on “1st class city” status, as is the case in 74.83.		
21	20	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	City Treasurer	Eliminate Wis. Stat. 74.09(3)3 and amend Wis. Stat 74.09(3)4 to make the statues consistent and assures the net tax levies displayed for each taxing jurisdiction on the annual tax bill are accurate.		
22	21	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 346.94(tp) to prohibit the stopping of motor vehicles for purposes of soliciting prostitutes in violation of Wis. Stats. § 944.32 or § 948.08.		
23	22	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	Common Council	Minimize the impact of the I-94 East-West corridor reconstruction project on city neighborhoods and tax base.	X	
24	23	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 341.35 to allow municipalities to charge the motor vehicle registration fee to vehicles weighing greater than 8,000 pounds.	X	

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25	24	Local Control & Flexibility	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1109 to allow for multijurisdictional Business Improvement Districts.		
26	25	Local Control & Flexibility	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 119.61 to restore local control over the Milwaukee Public Schools Real Estate sales process.		
27	26	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Advocate for expungement reform as recommended by the Wisconsin Policy Forum report, A Fresh Start.		
28	27	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Seek additional state funding for traffic safety enforcement and amend Wis. Stat. § 346.60 to allow an increase in fines for speeding. (CC#040889) and (CC#161606)	X	
29	28	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 71.54 to provide an annual inflationary adjustment to the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program retroactive to 2001 and to provide future annual inflation adjustments. (CC#050275)	X	
30	29	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 167.10 to prohibit the possession and use of fireworks statewide, to strengthen state law for permitting of fireworks granted by the state or any local jurisdiction, to establish a penalty for fireworks violation and straw purchase and to establish enforcement jurisdiction where a violation occurs. (CC#070741) and (CC#190580).		
31	30	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 125.68(3) to prohibit Class A and B liquor licenses within 300 feet of a day care center. (CC#081575)		
32	31	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stats. Ch. 218 and Ch. 180 to provide uniform statewide solid waste regulatory reform for dealing in discarded, salvageable and recyclable materials. (CC#111628)		
33	32	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 134.65(2)(b) to authorize adoption of reasonable health, safety and welfare standards for issuance, renewal, nonrenewal, suspension and revocation of a tobacco license, including overconcentration and other adverse neighborhood effects. (CC#120216)		
34	33	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. Chs. 256, 450, & 961 to address the objections and concerns identified by the Police and Fire Departments regarding the health and safety of individuals suffering from overdose or misuse of prescription and controlled substances (heroin). (CC#131005)		
35	34	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Support legislation for the reduction of poverty in the State, including reforming the EITC, funding transitional jobs, a higher minimum wage and a tax credit for seniors and adults with disabilities as a means of strengthening support for Community Advocates poverty reduction plan. (CC#131304)	X	

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36	35	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Common Council	Seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to energy procurement regulations, including reverse energy auctions. (CC#131809)		
37	36	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 to create an exemption from property tax levy limits for costs arising from an approval by the Public Service Commission of We Energies' rate requests. (CC#140699)		
38	37	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	Common Council	Allocate a greater share of the State's Transportation Fund to local transportation projects. (CC#140770)	X	
39	38	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Prohibit the use of financial incentives to recruit students for enrollment at charter and choice schools. (CC#141047)		
40	39	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Conduct immediate and thorough inspections by state and federal regulators of the railroad tracks, crossings and bridges on which Bakken crude oil is carried through Milwaukee. (CC#150076)		
41	40	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. Ch. 50 to require community notification and the formation of community advisory committee regulations for all adult family homes.(CC#151381)		
42	41	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stats. § 79.05 and § 66.0602 to exclude local expenditure increases related to a successful referendum from budget calculations used to determine expenditure restraint payments. (CC#160519)	X	
43	42	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Common Council	Allow municipalities to obtain workplace and other data that would help facilitate debt collection. (CC#160845)		
44	43	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	Common Council	Allow a municipality to create a municipal fee for lead abatement and exempt the proceeds of that fee from expenditure restraint and levy limits. (CC#161073)	X	
45	44	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Secure state funding to facilitate a locally-driven community policing model enabling the creation of Community Oriented Policing (COP) houses. (CC#170816)	X	
46	45	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Seek introduction and passage of legislation that decreases the ages at which young people are eligible for certain types of employment. (CC#171046)		
47	46	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stats. §344.65 (1) and (2) to increase penalties for motorists who operate vehicles without the State minimum liability insurance. (CC#180853)		
48	47	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Change State law to restore the right of felons to vote, change information required on voter registration forms and voting procedure for persons who are convicted of felonies. (CC# 191090)		

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49	48	Local Control and Flexibility	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. §62.50 to allow suspension of police officers charged with serious felonies without pay, and amend Wis. Stat. §175.47 to require outside investigations of all officer-involved deaths. (CC#200197)		
50	49	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. §939.645 to designate as a hate crime race-based acts of unnecessarily summoning a police officer. (CC# 200218)		
51	50	Local Control and Flexibility	Common Council	Change State law to allow cities of the First Class to enact a system where the fire and police chiefs are appointed by the Mayor, subject to Common Council approval, and where the chiefs may only be removed for cause by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. (CC# 201110)		
52	51	Public Health and Safety	Common Council	Implement a Purple Alert system for victims of domestic violence. (CC# 201510)		
53	52	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council/City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. § 234.621 to raise the income threshold for the WHEDA Property Tax Deferral Loan Program and to increase funding for the program. (CC#050275), and seek programmatic changes to improve marketing, reduce interest rates and allow greater flexibility to underwriting guidelines.	X	
54	53	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	Common Council/City Development	Amend Wis. Stat. §66.1110(4)(c) to make the annual NID financial reporting requirements consistent with BID reporting as found in Wis. Stat §66.1109(3)(C). (CC#181408)		
55	54	Neighborhoods/Economy	Common Council/City Development	Seek passage of state legislation to enable municipalities to create local housing investment funds. (CC#210564)		
56	55	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council/Election Commission	Seek introduction and passage of legislation that directs the State Legislature to employ bi-partisan redistricting of state legislative boundaries as sought by the plaintiffs in William Whitford, et. al. v. Beverly R. Gill, et. al. (CC#161757)		
57	56	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council/Election Commission	Seek passage of state legislation to provide for voting pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds. (CC#180474)		
58	57	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Common Council/Election Commission	Seek passage of state legislation to provide for universal voter registration. (CC#180474)		
59	58	Local Control and Flexibility	Common Council/Employee Relations	Seek introduction and passage of State legislation making domestic partners of City of Milwaukee employees and their dependent children eligible for all City benefit programs for which spouses of City employees are eligible. (CC#181643)		

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60	59	Public Health and Safety	Common Council/Health	Seek introduction and passage of state legislation that requires mandatory, periodic, and uniform testing for the presence of lead in the water of all State-licensed child care facilities and all schools (public, private, and charter). (CC#161645)		
61	60	Public Health and Safety	Common Council/Milwaukee Public Library/DPW	Amend Wis. Stat. § 940.208 to make an assault on any city employee who is providing service in a city-owned facility or is working in his/her official capacity a felony. (CC#190238)		
62	61	Public Health and Safety	Common Council/Police Department	Create Wis. Stat. § 346 to allow for the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement Cameras for the purpose of speed, red light running and accident reduction at certain qualifying intersections and amend Wis. Stat. § 346 and all relevant statutes to provide additional tools to curb the epidemic of reckless driving per the recommendations of the City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force (CC#190063).		
63	62	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Comptroller	Modify Wis. Stat. § 67.05(5)(b) to allow the City to borrow up to 20 years for the City Hall complex, and other office buildings of the City.		
64	63	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	DOA- Budget	Increase funding in all general municipal aid programs including Shared Revenue, Expenditure Restraint, Payment for Municipal Services, Computer Exemption Aid, and Fire Dues.	X	
65	64	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	DOA- Budget	Increase funding in all local transportation aid accounts including General Transportation Aid, Transit Aid, Lift Bridge Aid, Connecting Highways, Local Road Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Transportation Enhancements.	X	
66	65	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	DOA- Budget	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 to allow newly constructed tax-exempt property to be included in the net new construction calculation for purposes of levy limits or to require the Department of Revenue to use all property in the calculation.	X	
67	66	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	DOA- Business Operations	Amend Wis. Stat. § 62.09(10)(f) to allow streamlining and expediting the processing of informal contracts and purchase orders.		
68	67	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DOA- Environmental Collaboration Office	Create Wis. Stats. § 196.01(5)(b)7 and § 196.374 (2)(a)2.f. to exempt from public utility regulation persons who generate electricity or heat.		
69	68	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DOA- Environmental Collaboration Office	Amend Wis. Stat. § 1.12 to include allowing third party solar power purchase agreements and to advocate for expanded state renewable energy policies and funding.	X	
70	69	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DOA-Environmental Collaboration Office	Amend Wisconsin's Commercial Building Energy Code (SPS 363), by adopting the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code.		Y

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71	70	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DOA- Environmental Collaboration Office/DPW-Sanitation	Repeal Wis. Stat. § 66.0419 which bans local regulation of plastic and other disposable containers.		
72	71	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW - Infrastructure	Amend WI DOT urban street design standards through adoption of "Complete Streets" methodology.		Y
73	72	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW - Infrastructure	Revise Chapter Trans 215 to allow the rehabilitation of structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete Movable Bridges and rehabilitation of Viaducts at funding percentages in line with the Chapter Trans 213 Local Bridge Program.	X	
74	73	Local Control & Flexibility	DPW- Infrastructure	Oppose any efforts that affects a municipality's authority to impose a motor vehicle registration fee.		
75	74	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW - Operations	Reduce tipping fees and/or increase financial assistance for local recycling programs.	X	
76	75	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW - Operations	Secure funding to communities impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive pests for risk management and reforestation and to restore Milwaukee’s tree canopy.	X	
77	76	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW - Operations	Amend Wis. Stat. Ch. 287 to create a product stewardship law under which multiple product classes including electronics and tires can be considered for designation under producer-funded stewardship programs. Pursue OEM targets tied to weight of electronics collected and require a deposit on sales of new tires which is returned to individuals upon return of end of life tires.		
78	77	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	DPW - Operations	Preserve and/or expand existing municipal authority to assess and collect special charges for real property under Wis. Stat. § 66.0627(2) for all sewer and storm water maintenance services rendered.		
79	78	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	DPW - Operations	Amend Wis. Stat. § 84.07 to require the State to adequately fund the County to perform regular mowing of highways and State or County owned properties as required by municipal ordinances.	X	
80	79	Local Control & Flexibility	DPW- Parking	Modify Wis. Stat. § 346.50 (22) to revise disabled parking regulations and provisions and amend Wis Stat 343.52 to allow parking enforcement officers to issue citations for violations of fraudulent use of disabled plates and hangtags.		
81	80	Environment, Mobility, Infrastructure	DPW- Water	Amend Wis. Stat. § 196.372 to add a provision allowing water utility rate revenue to pay for water filters and other public health measures in residential properties where lead service lines are present and create a non-refundable state income tax credit of up to $200 annually for up to 10 years for private homeowner costs related to a municipally mandated replacement of their lead service line.	X	

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82	81	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Amend Wis. Stats. § 6.88 and § 7.52 to allow true early voting by permitting electors to place their ballots immediately into a locked ballot box prior to an election or to allow the early processing of absentee ballots.		
83	82	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Repeal Wis. Stat. § 6.87(6d) to eliminate the requirement that witnesses to absentee ballots must include their address or the ballot is rejected.		
84	83	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Repeal Wis. Stat. § 7.52(1)(a) and reinstate 7.515(3) which previously allowed any ballot that was postmarked by Election Day and received by the Election Commission at 4 pm on the Friday following the election to be counted.		
85	84	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Oppose any efforts to restrict who is defined as an indefinitely confined voter.		
86	85	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Seek introduction of legislation that allows absentee voters to designate an agent to return their ballot on their behalf for any reason.		Y
87	86	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Election Commission	Seek introduction of legislation that allows the return of absentee ballots by drop boxes so long as they meet security standards set forth by the Wisconsin Election Commission.		Y
88	87	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Election Commission	Oppose any efforts to restrict private grant funding of election administration.		Y
89	88	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Employ Milwaukee	Preserve or increase TANF funding for the Transform Milwaukee transitional jobs program for the long-term unemployed and recently incarcerated Milwaukee residents, to provide paid work experience and job placement assistance.	X	
90	89	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Employee Relations	Amend Wis Stat. §63.34 to shorten the required class 3 posting from three weeks to 8 business days.		
91	90	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Employee Relations	Modify Wis. Stat. § 111.70 to provide that as of 7/1/2021 retirement benefits in a first class city are a prohibited subject of bargaining.		
92	91	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Employee Relations	Amend Wis. Stat. §111.70(4)(jm) to eliminate the ability to go to interest arbitration on an issue by issue basis or repeal Wis. Stat 111.70(4)(jm)4 to disallow an arbitrator from creating their own "package deal".		
93	92	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Employee Relations	Ensure employer investigations are exempt from PTSD workers compensation claims if the extraordinary stress standard is removed.		

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94	93	Public Health and Safety	Fire and Police Commission	Update Wis. Stat. § 256.35 to create a new and sustainable funding stream that is appropriated for local Public Safety Access Point (PSAP) operations and the transition to Next Generation 911 and FirstNet technologies. The calculation of this new funding stream should incorporate mobile and internet-connected devices and include call volume and population and/or provide a calculation that identifies the unique needs of PSAPs operated by first class cities.	X	
95	94	Public Health and Safety	Fire Department	Amend Wis. Stat. § 100.415 to increase the regulation of novelty lighters.		
96	95	Public Health and Safety	Fire Department	Change contract language and funding for the statewide Urban Search and Rescue taskforce (USAR) allowing for full reimbursement of member departments for deployment costs.		
97	96	Public Health and Safety	Fire Department	Support legislation to allow for normal Mutual Aid across state lines which would allow for full participation in the Mid-America Mutual Aid Consortium (MAMA-C).		
98	97	Public Health and Safety	Fire Department	Repeal the law that does not require that newly constructed apartment buildings with three to 20 units need to be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system.		
99	98	Public Health and Safety	Fire Department	Update WI Chapter SPS 330 to increase training standards, remove some grace periods and incorporate the current appropriate National Fire Protection Association Standards.		
100	99	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Create a state grant program to support early childhood mental health consultation through home visiting.	X	
101	100	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Amend Wis. Stat. § 97.29(h) to align the definition of food processing plant with that in federal regulation and to create a definition of what is wholesaling.		
102	101	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Amend Adm. Rule DHS 107.13 to improve compensation to primary care physicians for time spent caring for children with mental health challenges and their families.		
103	102	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Enhance efforts to reduce infant mortality rates, including securing a reduction in high eviction rates.	X	
104	103	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Secure state funding for a high-priority Biosafety level-3 laboratory at the Milwaukee Health Department.	X	
105	104	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Expand Treatment and Diversion (TAD) grants to include Restorative Justice and to expand existing programs.	X	
106	105	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Require all children <6 years of age who are in daycare and in school to have a current lead test on record.		

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107	106	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Allow the City of Milwaukee to bill Medicaid for services provided by the Health Department for children whose lead levels are greater than 5ug/dL and to pay a percentage of the remediation of lead-affected homes, and seek dedicated state funding for expanded Health Department programming that supports childhood lead poison prevention, to include both staff and community health public education program funding.	X	
108	107	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Eliminate funding transfers from appropriation account under Wis. Stat. § 20.435 (1)(gm) to the general fund for state revenues generated from lead certifications, trainings and fines, and establish a grant program with funding going to assist municipalities with lead remediation efforts on a proportionate basis of need.	X	
109	108	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Seek passage of Medicaid expansion.		
110	109	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Oppose passage of allowing a person who has a license to carry a concealed weapon to possess a firearm in a vehicle on the grounds of a school.		
111	110	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Oppose passage of the reduction of the minimum age requirements to obtain a license to carry a concealed weapon to 18.		
112	111	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Reevaluate the Department of Health Services Administrative Code section 105.52 relating to statutory minimum qualifications for prenatal care coordination (PNCC) providers, best practices for prenatal care communities across the state, and foundational training for PNCC providers.		
113	112	Public Health and Safety	Health Department	Repeal s. 940.04, Wis. Stats., which bans abortion. (CC#220273)		Y
114	113	Public Health and Safety	Health Department and the Department of Neighborhood Services	Seek introduction and passage of legislation that would permit the City of Milwaukee to create a program certifying that properties are lead-safe before they may be rented to the public. (CC#200321)		Y
115	114	Public Health and Safety	Health Department/OVP	Increase dedicated funding to support programs and services that prevent and address community mental health needs resulting from exposure to violent trauma.	X	
116	115	Community and Neighborhood Revitalization	Housing Authority	Create Wis. Stat. § 66.1201(1)(j) to allow tenant relocation by the Housing Authority, or any of its subsidiaries, instrumentalities, or not-for-profit affiliates, to be governed by federal regulations.		
117	116	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Housing Authority	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1203 to include tenant supportive services as an eligible expense when determining affordable rents.		

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118	117	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Housing Authority	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.1205(1)(a) to remove the income restriction for leasing to persons whose income exceeds five times the annual rent and repeal Wis. Stat. § 66.1205(1)(c).		
119	118	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Mayor	Secure funding in the biennial budget to support Milwaukee Succeeds initiatives.	X	
120	119	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Mayor	Support the Milwaukee Public Schools' proposal to increase the amount of funding available for 4K and special education.	X	
121	120	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Mayor/DOA-Budget	Secure new revenue sources sufficient to accommodate ongoing public safety and general city costs.	X	
122	121	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Milwaukee Public Library	Create a new state grant program to provide funding for a career online high school to increase high school diploma and career certification attainment.	X	
123	122	Racial, Social & Economic Equity	Milwaukee Public Library	Preserve or expand support for essential library programs including BadgerLink, the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library, audible Newsline Service, the Interlibrary Loan Service, full archives of the Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee Journal, and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel from NewsBank, the use of the Universal Service Fund for Statewide Library Service Funding and prevent any budgetary reductions stemming from formula changes resulting from Public Library Redesign Project recommendations.	X	
124	123	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Municipal Court	Amend Wis. Stat. § 800.01 to address the current lack of specific statutory language regarding appearances by non-person defendants in an action before a municipal court (corporate defendants).		
125	124	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Municipal Court	Amend Wis. Stats. § 19.35 and § 19.32 to address public records requests involving bulk distribution of data and compiled information and access to records by out-of-state requesters.		
126	125	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Municipal Court	Amend Wis. Stat. § 19.36 to address limitations upon access to and withholding of public records.		
127	126	Local Control & Flexibility	Neighborhood Services	Obtain a waiver of contractor license fees for non-contractor city inspectors of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, similar to the waiver of other State Certification fees like the State Master Plumber license.		
128	127	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Neighborhood Services	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0627(8) to allow Neighborhood Services to collect special charges over multiple years for the Essential Services Program.		
129	128	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Neighborhood Services	Amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0104 to remove statutory restrictions related to the Residential Reinspection Program.		Y

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130	129	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis Stat. § 938.24(5) and § 938.25(2) to expedite the timeframe between the time of crime to the initial juvenile court appearance, sanction, or detention.		
131	130	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Police Department	Change the format of Vehicle Registration Stickers to reduce the incidence of theft.		
132	131	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Preserve or increase funding for costs associated with ShotSpotter.	X	
133	132	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis. Stat. Ch. 175 to prohibit felons from being within 1,000 feet of a store that primarily sells firearms, a gun show or a firing range.		
134	133	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis. Stat. § 941.29 to ban habitual criminals from possessing a firearm.		
135	134	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis. Stat. Ch. 175 to require that all gun sales be subject to criminal background checks.		
136	135	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis. Stat. Chs. 165 & 175 to require the timely reporting of a lost or stolen firearm and to criminalize false filing.		
137	136	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend Wis. Stat. Ch. 175 to memorialize the federal prohibition on felons possessing ammunition found in 18 U.S.C. 922 (g).		
138	137	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Support legislation to enhance penalties for those operating a vehicle while intoxicated.		
139	138	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Lift the current award cap of $150,000 for the Beat Patrol grant program to be proportional to the size of a municipal police force.		
140	139	Public Health and Safety	Police Department	Amend s. 346.62, Wis. Stats., and establish an offense of Reckless Driving Creating Imminent Threat of Serious Bodily Harm.		
141	140	Fiscal Efficiency/Stability	Port of Milwaukee	Amend Wis. Stat. § 30.32(3) to allow contract limits to rise to $50,000 from $25,000 for competitive bid exceptions on various port purchases.		
142	141	Public Health and Safety	Port of Milwaukee	Support legislation to prevent the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species.		Y
143	142	Economic & Workforce Development	Port of Milwaukee	Support an intermodal container strategy or funding program in Wisconsin.		Y
144	143	Economic & Workforce Development	Port of Milwaukee	Seek additional funding to assist the Port in resuming Intermodal (rail cargo) service by expanding funding for the Freight Railroad Preservation Program.	X	