

ACOG 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AGENDA

SURVEY RESULTS

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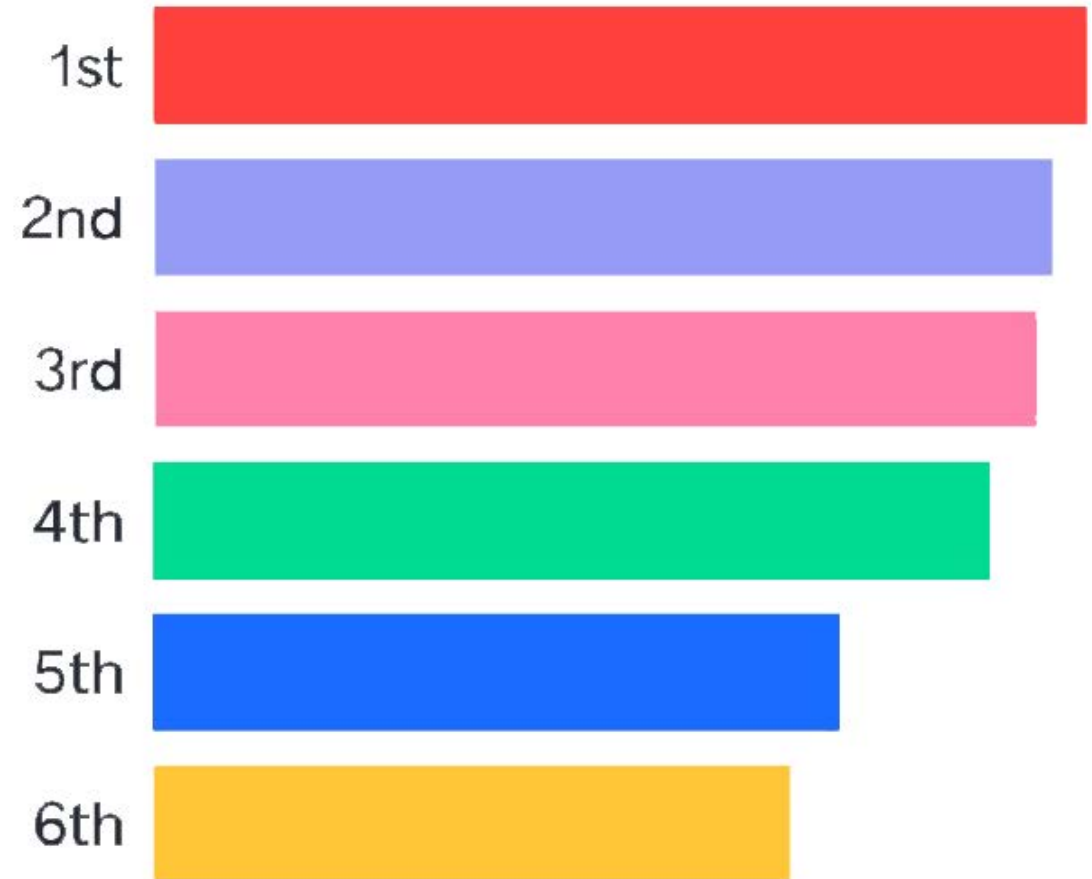
PART I: RETREAT SURVEY RESULTS



HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE 911 & PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES?

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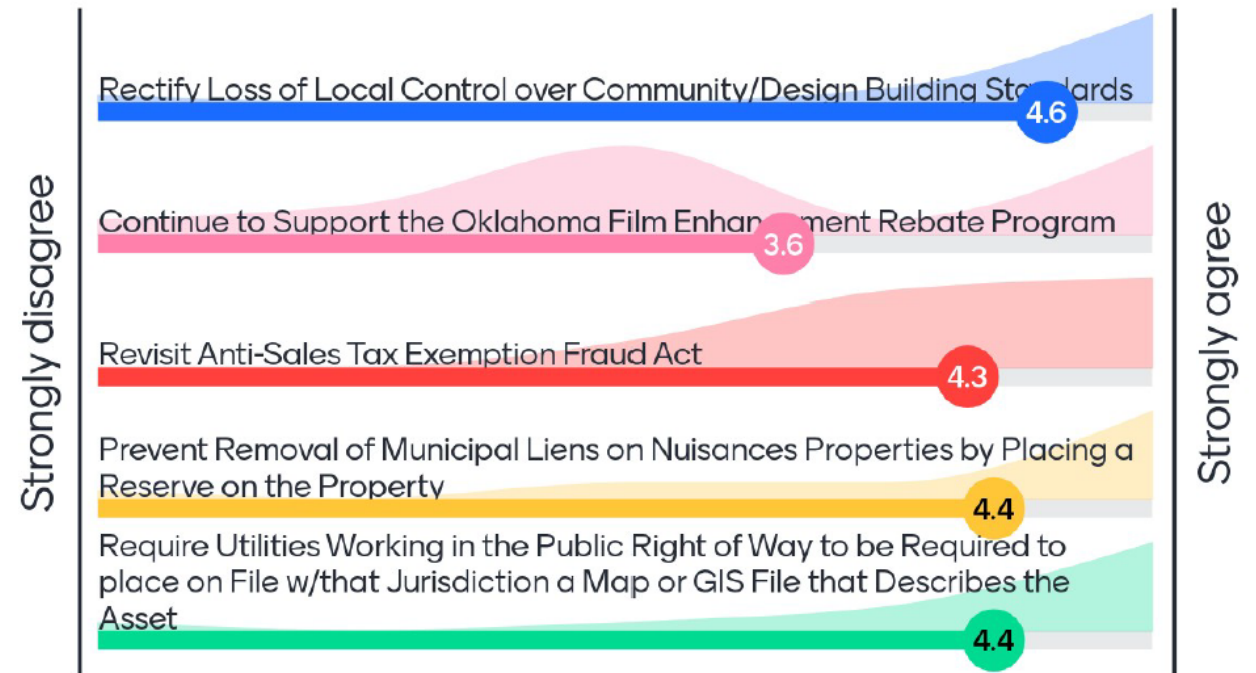
1. Municipal Firearm Protections
2. Revise the Voter Approval Requirements for Establishing a Public Safety District; Removing the Super Majority
3. Increase Medical Service Districts Mill Cap
4. Reconsider HB 3315 and give authority to municipalities and police officers to enforce the purchase of tobacco by a person under 21
5. Warrant Intercept Program
6. Restore Municipal Authority to Enforce Tobacco Ordinances



HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES?

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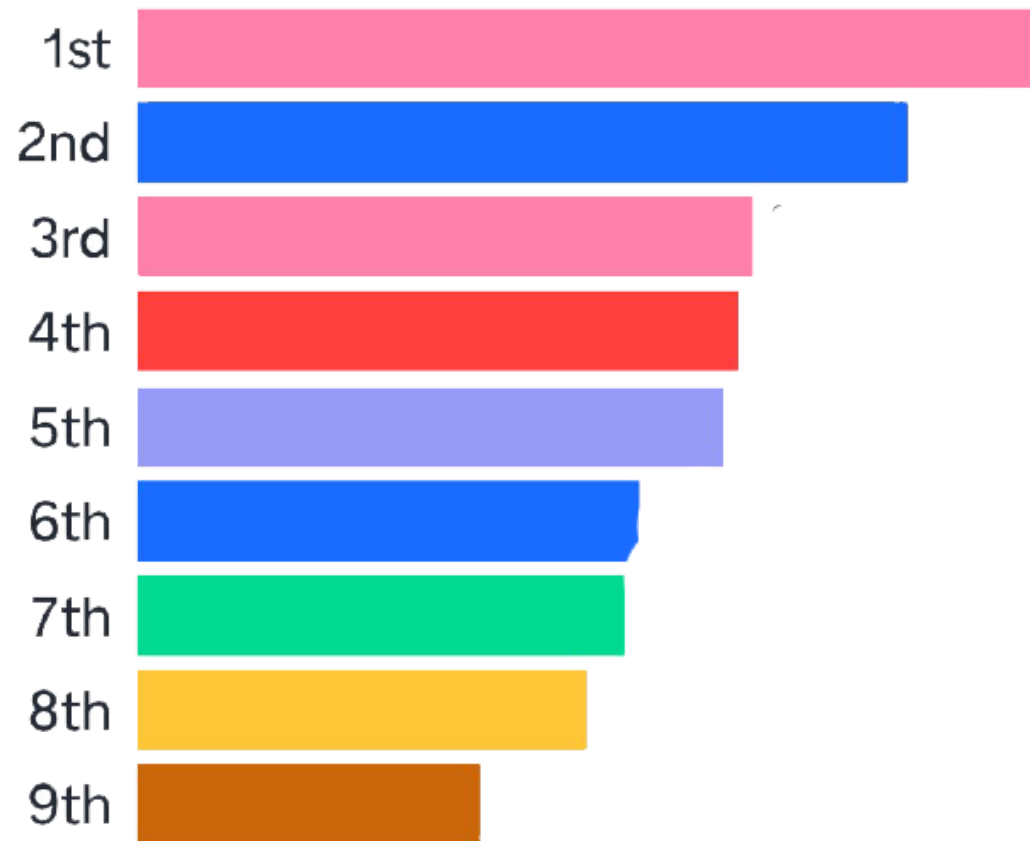
1. Rectify Loss of Local Control over Community/Design Building Standards
2. Continue to Support the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program
3. Revisit Anti-Sales Tax Exemption Fraud Act
4. Prevent Removal of Municipal Liens on Nuisances Properties by Placing a Reserve on the Property
5. Require Utilities Working in the Public Right of Way to be Required to Place on File with that Jurisdiction of a Map or GIS File that Describes the Asset



HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES?

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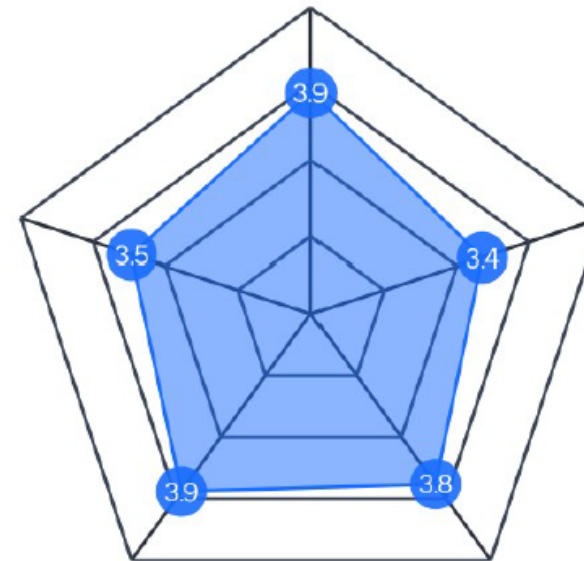
1. Support Adequate Funding for ODOT Structurally Deficient Bridge Improvement Program
2. Provide Adequate Funding to Preserve and Implement ODOT's 8-year Work Plan
3. Support Implementation of the ODOT State Rail Plan
4. Improve ADA Legislation for Sidewalks and Pathways
5. Assist ODOT in Exploring Road funding Alternatives to the Gas Tax
6. Passage of State Law to Require 8-17-year-olds wear a seatbelt in the back seat of a car
7. Adjust or Remove Motor Vehicle Fee Cap for Counties
8. Designate Entire Heartland Flyer Line as a National Amtrak Route
9. Support Oklahoma as a leader in safely using autonomous vehicles



HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE CLEAN CITIES & AIR QUALITY ISSUES?

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1. Monitor Utilization of Alternative Fuel Tax Credits
2. Ensure DEQ Fees Only Be Used to Support Environmental Improvement Programs
3. Support Goals Outlined in the State Energy & Environment Plan
4. Reinstate or Reestablish Emission Testing for Automobiles to Address AQ Issues
5. Fund and Install Alternative Fuel Corridor Highway Signage



HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE WATER/WASTEWATER ISSUES?

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1. Revisit the Oklahoma Drought Management Plan
2. Continue to Advance and Fund the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) Policy Recommendations
3. Develop Public Education and Outreach Materials

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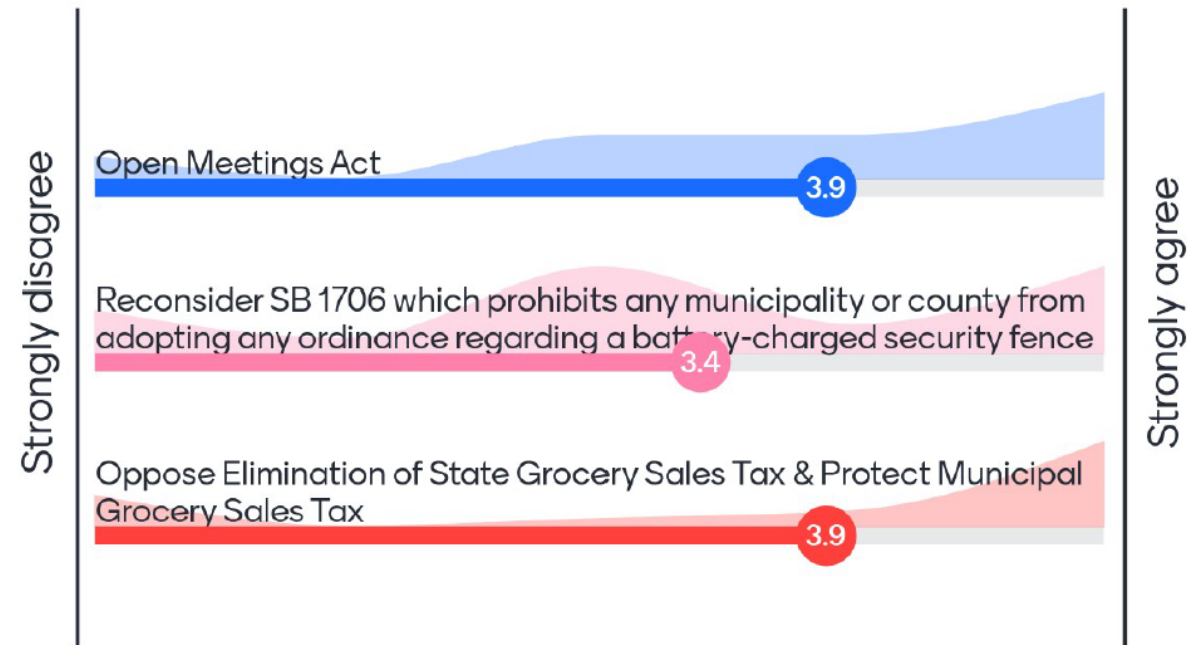
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HOW WOULD YOU RANK BY IMPORTANCE THESE OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES?

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1. Open Meetings Act
2. Oppose Elimination of State Grocery Sales Tax & Protect Municipal Grocery Sales Tax
3. Reconsider SB 1706 which prohibits any municipality or county from adopting any ordinance regarding a battery charged security fence



PART II: IN-DEPTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SYNOPSIS



- **FIREARM PROTECTION**

- Protects law enforcement personnel & the public generally by requiring firearms that are not held in the hand but carried on a shoulder sling with the firearm located on the back behind the shoulder in a general vertical position where the barrel of the firearm is safely pointed in an up or down direction
- Prohibit the carrying of a firearm into any business that has a no guns sign
- Additionally, prohibit carry of firearms into large public events or parks when a municipality has passed an ordinance, signage has been posted, and all applicable state laws have been observed
- Authorize municipal employees who possess a valid handgun license to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment

- **RECONSIDER:** HB 1992 (2020 Legislative Session) to revise the voter approval requirements for establishing a Public Safety District, changing the percentage from 60% to a simple majority of the voters.
- **REVISIT:** Increase Medical Service Districts Mill Cap
 - Presently at 3%
 - Opportunity for medical districts to service a bigger area and assist EMS service
- **RECONSIDER:** HB 3315 (2022 Legislative Session) which removes the ability for cities and towns to enact and municipal police officers to enforce ordinances prohibiting and penalizing the purchase or possession of tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products by a person under the age of twenty-one (21).

- **REVISIT:** Warrant Intercept Program
 - Would add municipal EMS as a qualifying entity for the Warrant Intercept program via the state income tax collection process
 - Will allow municipal governments to recover their expenses via the state income tax collection process
 - There is an extensive list cities can access to recoup monies via income tax collection process – EMS should be easy enough to add to the list
- **NEW:** Increase in open record fees to cover actual costs of reproducing law enforcement records (body cam footage, incident reports, dispatch logs, etc.)
- **NEW:** Expansion of the ARPA funding to include the purchase of law enforcement communication equipment

- **NEW:** Additional 911 funding given the continuing loss of landlines which results in lost revenue for communities
 - The 3% to 15% landline fee has been in decline for over two decades. As telephone companies move away from traditional analog connections to Internet Protocol connections then the current law is set for the provider to submit a seventy -five cents fee to the State and that is then distributed across the entire state based on population. The current landline fee directly funded to the local Emergency Contact Centers is at a higher rate than the seventy-five cents currently being assessed for Wireless, VoIP and Pre-paid wireless
- **OPPOSE:** Vote on upcoming recreational marijuana use
- **OPPOSE:** Consolidation of the Oklahoma Emergency Number Act into the Oklahoma 911 Management Authority Act
 - 911 legislation is currently held in two acts, the Oklahoma Emergency Number act that was enacted in 1979 and the Oklahoma 911 Management Authority Act enacted in 2016. The Oklahoma 911 Management Authority wants to streamline overall direction to its members
- **OPPOSE:** Fee Modification to Implement Statewide NG911
 - The Oklahoma 911 Management Authority believes that as the State moves to NG911 there will be more involvement from the State as it relates to the delivery of 911 services. This potential bill creates more bureaucracy by establishing an Advisory Council or non-voting members to supplement the Authority to help direct decisions without voting

- **REVISIT:** Monitor utilization of alternative fuel tax credits
 - Study and explore re-establishment of an Electric Vehicle (EV) tax incentive and/or EV rebate program
- **REVISIT:** Ensure DEQ fees only be used to support environmental improvement programs
- **REVISIT:** Support goals outlined in the State Energy Plan including accelerated development in production and market uses for the following:
 - battery storage technologies
 - hydrogen
 - renewable natural gas
 - solar
- **NEW:** Reinstate or reestablish Emission Testing for Automobiles to Address Air Quality Issues
- **REVISIT:** Fund and install alternative fuel corridor highway signage (ODOT funding & support)

- **REVISIT:** Rectify loss of local control over community design/building standards
 - Currently being addressed by municipalities by placing Design Standards in PUDs, or over-zoning (overlay districts ordinance) or HOA Covenants
- **NEW:** Create a process to prevent the removal of municipal liens on nuisance property by implementing a reserve on the property in the sheriff's sale equal to the amount of the tax liability and abatement liens.
- **NEW:** Require utilities working in the public right of way of any highway or road to be required to place on file with that jurisdiction a map or GIS file that describes the asset and the approximate location to assist with planning and avoid major utility conflict and disruption of services. This would allow for a limit of liability for the utility. This information shall also be exempted from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

- **REVISIT:** Open Meetings Act: allow members of a public body to participate in public meetings via videoconferencing or teleconferencing if they only participate electronically in less than half of the regularly scheduled meetings of the public body unless there is a declared state of emergency
- **RECONSIDER:** SB 1706 (2022 Legislature) Prohibits any municipality or county from adopting any ordinance, order, or regulation concerning the installation, operation, or usage of a battery-charged security fence as long as the installation, operation, and usage of the battery-charged fence follows the requirements and standards in Section 3 of the bill.
 - Preempts local authority
 - Impacts City Council, City Manager and Mayor

- **OPPOSE:** Elimination of State Grocery Sales Tax & Seek to Protect the Municipal Grocery Sales Tax
- **REVISIT:** Continue to support the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program
- **REVISIT:** Anti-Sales Tax Exemption Fraud Act - Close a loophole costing the state and local governments millions of dollars annually
 - Sales Tax Exemption Permits renew annually rather than current three-year schedule. Takes closed businesses and those no longer eligible off the exemption rolls.

- **NEW:** Adjust or remove motor vehicle fee cap which has been the same since 2015 for counties which has affected their maintenance dollars

- **NEW**: Support implementation of the Oklahoma State Rail Plan and Oklahoma Freight Transportation Plan developed by ODOT
- **REVISIT**: Improve ADA legislation to require repairs for sidewalks and pathways
- **NEW**: Assist ODOT in exploring road funding alternatives to the gas tax
- **REVISIT**: Passage of a new state law to require those 8-17 years of age to wear seat belts while being transported in the back seat of a car

- **REVISIT:** Supports designation of the entire Heartland Flyer Line (Fort Worth, TX – Oklahoma City – Newton, KS – National Network) as a national Amtrak route within the Federal Rail Administration’s specific “Corridor Identification Program.”
 - This designation would serve to assist with Federal/State burden/cost-sharing and would strategically address a signification gap in the national Amtrak system
- **NEW:** Support creation of a regulatory environment that makes Oklahoma a leader in safely using autonomous vehicles and does so without restricting their deployment and further innovation
- **NEW:** Support legislation that would strengthen public participation requirements and enhance communication for any regional transportation projects with local communities and MPOs

- **REVISIT**: Update the Oklahoma Drought Management Plan (last update was in 1997). "The Oklahoma Drought Management Plan, originally written in 1997, requires an update to reflect current lines of authority and responsibility that impact how water systems, cities, counties, and state and federal agencies respond to drought, including the latest procedures addressing state or federal assistance. The plan does not specifically address the causes, impacts, and response to general water emergencies." - OCWP, 2012
- **REVISIT**: Continue to advance and fund the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) policy recommendations. This includes the formalization of regional water planning groups as recommended (introduce legislation to create the Regional Planning Groups)
- **NEW**: Develop public education and outreach materials. Produce a statewide resources water conservation campaign and a public water supply water efficiency best practices guide

POTENTIAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



- **NEW:** Increase REAP Funding
 - Provide an additional \$3 million annually to each of the 11 Oklahoma COGs (total of \$33 million)
- **NEW:** Increase Rural Fire Coordinator Contracts to \$90,000 per all 11 Oklahoma COGs and make it a line item in the State budget through the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
- **NEW:** Substate Funding
 - Increase Substate planning funding to \$50,000 per all 11 Oklahoma COGs and make it a line-item in the State budget through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- **NEW:** Increase funding for a comprehensive state water quality sampling and monitoring system
- **NEW:** Secure funding for the continuing update to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, with a focus on resilience assessments and water management strategies

POTENTIAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



- **DEFEND:** Endorse providing adequate annual dedicated funding for ODOT to maintain continued investment toward addressing Oklahoma's structurally deficient bridges on the state's highway system, and further enable ODOT to maintain a nationally leading bridge improvement program
- **DEFEND:** Support providing adequate annual dedicated funding necessary to preserve and implement the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) eight-year construction work plan
- **DEFEND:** Hold harmless the funding of the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) Revolving Fund and expand incrementally to previous funding levels



QUESTIONS?

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