

Sherwood Improvement District

3765 SW Clarion Park Drive
Topeka, KS 66610

Before the House Taxation Committee
Rick Nesbitt, Vice President/Secretary, Sherwood Improvement District
February 3, 2016
HB 2551

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to testify on HB 2551 which would allow the Board of Directors of the Sherwood Improvement District to place a measure on the ballot seeking voter approval of a 1% sales tax on sales within the District.

Sherwood Improvement District is not in the City of Topeka, but is in Shawnee County where the current sales tax is 6.5% (State) and 1.5% (County) for a total of 8%. The proposed tax increase of 1% Sherwood tax would increase the rate to 9%. The current sales tax inside the City of Topeka is 6.5% (State), 1.5% (County) and 1.15% (City) for a total of 9.15%.

Sherwood Improvement District (SID) consists of 29 miles of roadways serving approximately 4,922 residents within the Sherwood Improvement District Boundary. Within the District, there are seven commercial properties, but only two that offer retail sales: Dillon's and Blondie's Hair Design.

SID has an annual budget of approximately \$477,000 that is used to pay for sheriff's patrols and protection, street repair and maintenance, sand removal, and drainage repair and maintenance throughout the District. For the past twenty years, areas surrounding SID have continued to develop increasing the amount of storm water and drainage problems to SID.

Over the past six years, SID has performed drainage improvements needed to accommodate outside development of over \$200,000. Currently, roadway and drainage improvements are budgeted for approximately \$400,000 annually.

The major retailer in the Sherwood Improvement District is Dillons Food Store at 29th Street and Urish Road. It is our understanding that Dillons is aware of this proposed legislation and has not expressed concerns or opposition. Many of the customers shopping at Dillons use Sherwood roads, increasing the maintenance needs for our streets. We anticipate the sales tax to increase our maintenance fund by \$50,000-\$100,000 annually which would allow for the mill and overlay of 1500-3000 feet of our roadways each year.

Respectfully, we ask for your favorable consideration of HB 2551.

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

The Sherwood Improvement District (SID) maintains 29 miles of roads in addition to drainage culverts, inlets and concrete drainage features within the District. For the past six years, we have spent roughly \$300,000 to \$340,000 on roadway maintenance and \$60,000 to \$100,000 on drainage improvements. Over the same six years, our list of needed repairs for roadways and drainage improvements have grown. The following projects would be completed with the revenue generated from the additional sales tax:

1. Drainage and roadway improvement; Canterbury Town Road, \$120,000
2. Aylesbury Road Retaining Wall Channel; \$80,000
3. Tutbury Town Road Drainage Improvements; \$100,000
4. Fountaindale Drainage Projects; \$50,000
5. Curb and Gutter Repair; \$150,000
6. Culvert Replacement, 41st Street \$150,000 (SID portion \$75,000)
7. Royal Court Drainage Improvement, \$60,000

We anticipate this list to continue growing due to the age of SID. SID was created 40+ years ago and drainage issues continue to accumulate to the SID's list of projects needed completed. The additional revenue would help SID complete one or more of the projects per year.

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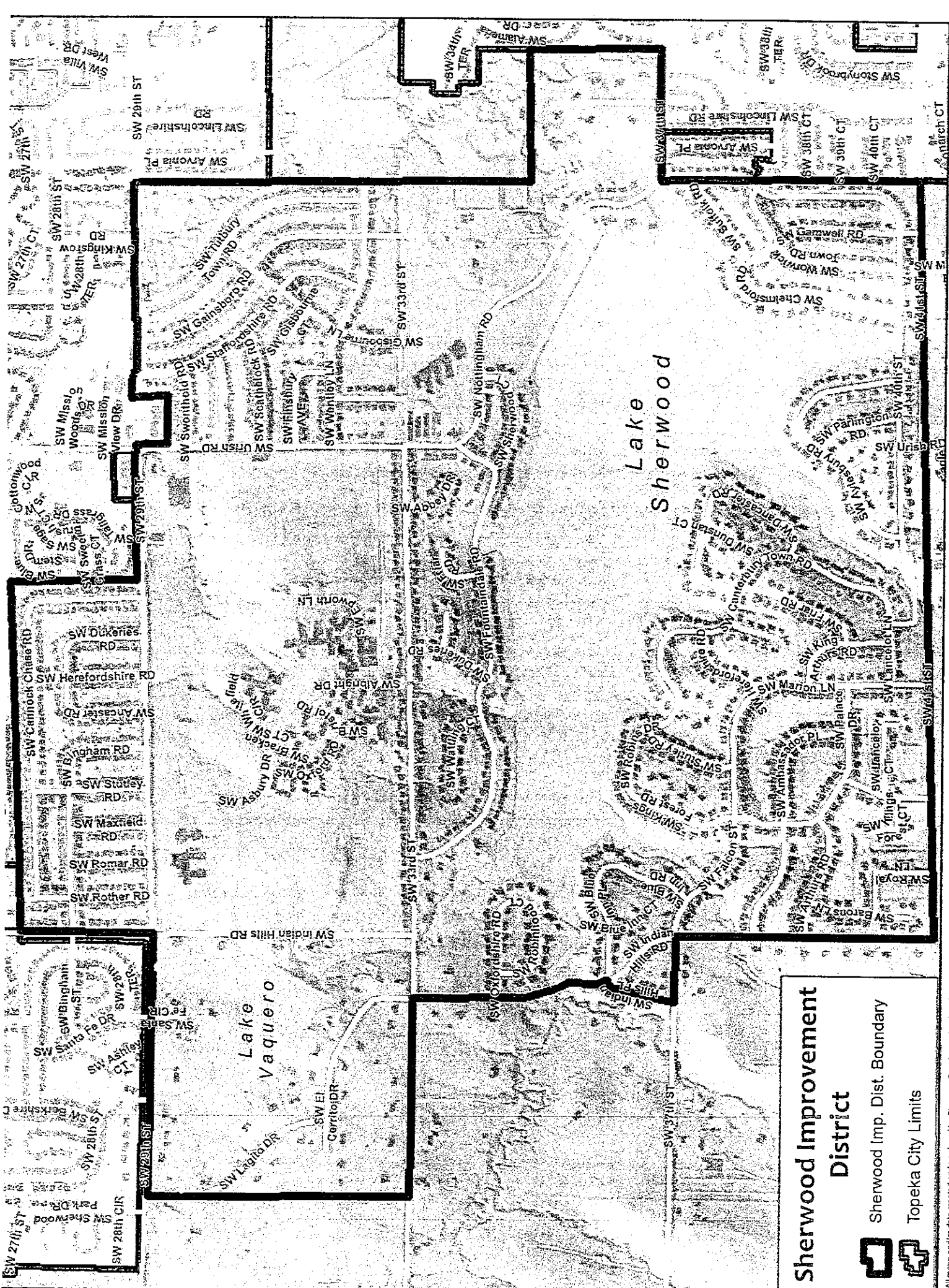
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Sherwood Imp. Dist. Boundary

Topeka City Limits



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