

Date: February 17, 2017

To: Chairman Troy Waymaster and House Appropriations Committee

From: Cindy Green, Deputy Director

Re: Support of HB 2184

Chairman Troy Waymaster and Appropriations committee members, thank you for the opportunity for the League of Kansas Municipalities on behalf of its member cities to provide testimony in support of HB 2184.

The League supported the 5-year extension in 2012 of the Sales Tax Revenue (STAR) Bond legislation and stands in support of HB 2184, for another 5-year extension.

A number of significant projects and developments have been accomplished and/or are underway because of the financing options afforded under the STAR bond act. The most visible of these projects is Village West and the Kansas Speedway, which was paid off five years early and is now contributing additional revenue to Kansas City, Wyandotte County and the state. There are many other projects across the state, perhaps not as visible, but just as important to the local and statewide economy.

The STAR Bond act has proven it is an important piece of legislation for both local and statewide economic development. For these reasons, the League requests the Committee pass HB 2184 out favorably to the full House for approval.