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Peoria City Council Voting Record

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BizPAC Scorecard

Elected Official	Title	Grade
Zach Oyler	Council At-Large	A
Denis Cyr	5th District	A
Kiran Velpula	Council At-Large	A
John Kelly	Council At-Large	A
Tim Riggerbach	3rd District	D
Michael Vespa	Council At-Large	D
Bernice Gordon-Young	Council At-Large	F
Andre Allen	4th District	F
Denise Jackson	1st District	F
Rita Ali	Mayor	F
Alex Carmona	2nd District	A

Purchase Expo Gardens

Date: June 10, 2025

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Oppose

Official	Vote
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Oppose
Tim Riggerbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Alex Carmona	Support

Allow Curb Cut Variance for Retail Development at War and University

Date: May 27, 2025

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riggerbach	Support
Michael Vespa	Support
Bernice Gordon-Young	Support
Andre Allen	Absent
Denise Jackson	Support
Rita Ali	Oppose
Alex Carmona	Support

Revise an Ordinance to Limit the Number of Tobacco Retail Licenses

Date: May 13, 2025

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Oppose
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riggerbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Alex Carmona	Support

Prohibiting Unauthorized Camping on Public Property within the City of Peoria

Date: November 19, 2024

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Chuck Grayeb	Support
Tim Riggerbach	Support
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose

Adopt an Ordinance to levy FY2025 Taxes

Date: November 12, 2024

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Absent
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Absent

Motion to Keep Property Tax the Same as Prior Year

Date: October 29, 2024

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Execute Sale & Purchase of PNC Building and Amend Budget (Purchase & Due Diligence)

Date: September 24, 2024

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Oppose
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Amend Existing Tobacco Retail Licenses

Date: September 24, 2024

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Oppose
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Deny Class B Liquor License Onsite and Retail Sale-Highly Flavored

Date: August 13, 2024

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Support
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Approve Class B Liquor Licensae Onsite and Retail Sale - Empire Lounge

Date: July 23, 2024

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Absent
Tim Riegenbach	Support
Michael Vespa	Absent
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Support
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Absent

Discussion of Short Term Rentals

Date: December 12, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Oppose
Tim Riegenbach	Support
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Deny Permission for Short Term Rental at 1023 W. Hudson

Date: November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Support
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Approve Downtown Parking Study

Date: November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Oppose
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Approve Short Term Rental at 615 Timothy Drive

Date: November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Support
Andre Allen	Support
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Support
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Eliminate Building Permit Fees from Budget

Date: November 7, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Resolution to Purchase Waterworks

Date: October 24, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Oppose
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Support
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Deny Short Term Rental at 5209 N Hamilton

Date: September 26, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Oppose
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Oppose

Funding for District 150 Getting to Roots Violence Prevention

Date: July 11, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Oppose
Tim Riegenbach	Oppose
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Funding for Peoria County Healthy Cure Violence Program

Date: July 11, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Oppose
Kiran Velpula	Oppose
John Kelly	Oppose
Tim Riegenbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Oppose
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support

Approve a Contract with Woodard Curran to Study Waterworks

Date: June 13, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Support
Denis Cyr	Support
Kiran Velpula	Support
John Kelly	Support
Tim Riegenbach	Support
Michael Vespa	Support
Bernice Gordon-Young	Oppose
Andre Allen	Oppose
Denise Jackson	Oppose
Rita Ali	Oppose
Chuck Grayeb	Support