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## Peoria City Council Voting Record

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### BizPAC Scorecard

Elected Official	Title	Grade
Zach Oyler	Council At-Large	B
Denis Cyr	5th District	A
Kiran Velpula	Council At-Large	B
John Kelly	Council At-Large	B
Tim Riggerbach	3rd District	C
Michael Vespa	Council At-Large	C
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	B

### Approve Settlement with Boyd Gaming

Date: February 2, 2026

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Opposes BIZPAC Position

Official	Vote
Denis Cyr	Absent
Kiran Velpula	Opposes BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Michael Vespa	Supports BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Supports BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Supports BIZPAC Position
Rita Ali	Supports BIZPAC Position
Alex Carmona	Opposes BIZPAC Position

## Purchase Expo Gardens

**Date:** June 10, 2025

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

## Allow Curb Cut Variance for Retail Development at War and University

**Date:** May 27, 2025

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

## Revise an Ordinance to Limit the Number of Tobacco Retail Licenses

**Date:** May 13, 2025

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

## Prohibiting Unauthorized Camping on Public Property within the City of Peoria

**Date:** November 19, 2024

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

## Adopt an Ordinance to levy FY2025 Taxes

**Date:** November 12, 2024

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Absent
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Michael Vespa	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Rita Ali	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Absent

## Motion to Keep Property Tax the Same as Prior Year

**Date:** October 29, 2024

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

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

**Date:** September 24, 2024

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

## Amend Existing Tobacco Retail Licenses

**Date:** September 24, 2024

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

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

**Date:** August 13, 2024

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

## Approve Class B Liquor License Onsite and Retail Sale - Empire Lounge

**Date:** July 23, 2024

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Absent
Tim Riggerbach	Supports BIZPAC Position
Michael Vespa	Absent
Bernice Gordon-Young	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Supports BIZPAC Position
Rita Ali	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Absent

## Discussion of Short Term Rentals

**Date:** December 12, 2023

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

## Deny Permission for Short Term Rental at 1023 W. Hudson

**Date:** November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Michael Vespa	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Supports BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Opposes BIZPAC Position

## Approve Downtown Parking Study

**Date:** November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Supports BIZPAC Position

## Approve Short Term Rental at 615 Timothy Drive

**Date:** November 28, 2023

Official	Vote
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Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Supports BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Supports BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Opposes BIZPAC Position

## Eliminate Building Permit Fees from Budget

**Date:** November 7, 2023

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

## Resolution to Purchase Waterworks

**Date:** October 24, 2023

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

## Deny Short Term Rental at 5209 N Hamilton

**Date:** September 26, 2023

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

## Funding for District 150 Getting to Roots Violence Prevention

**Date:** July 11, 2023

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

## Funding for Peoria County Healthy Cure Violence Program

**Date:** July 11, 2023

Official	Vote
Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Opposes BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggerbach	Absent
Michael Vespa	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Bernice Gordon-Young	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Andre Allen	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denise Jackson	Absent
Rita Ali	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Chuck Grayeb	Supports BIZPAC Position

## Approve a Contract with Woodard Curran to Study Waterworks

**Date:** June 13, 2023

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