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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	Countil At-Large	B
John Kelly	Council At-Large	B
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

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 Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Opposes BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Absent
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Absent
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Opposes BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Opposes BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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 Riggenbach	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

Zach Oyler	Supports BIZPAC Position
Denis Cyr	Supports BIZPAC Position
Kiran Velpula	Supports BIZPAC Position
John Kelly	Supports BIZPAC Position
Tim Riggenbach	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