## NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM VOTING RECORD FOR OMAHA CITY COUNCIL: 2013-2022.

- **1-7-20.** To approve a 5-yr. interlocal agreement between Omaha and Douglas County for joint 911 emergency communications system. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **1-14-20.** To accept a \$5,834 Justice Dept. grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force and law enforcement agencies to work with violent juvenile offenders in targeted areas. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **1-28-20.** To accept an \$8,334 Justice Dept. grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force and law enforcement agencies to prevent gun and gang violence committed by adult probationers. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **2-4-20.** To issue \$200 million in general obligation bonds for street reconstruction, widening, and improvement. Alternative funding would have been more expensive for taxpayers. **YES**, with taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To accept a \$27,000 Justice Dept. grant to fund a criminal case analyst. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To approve a firefighter union contract with a 12% increase over 5 years. One additional 3-man rig exception, saving labor costs. No tuition reimbursement for probationary firefighters. A 5-day limit on sick leave to care for family members. **YES**, with taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **2-11-20.** To approve an Omaha-Douglas County Public Bldg. Commission \$20 million bond issue to build a juvenile justice center downtown instead of at its current site at 41<sup>st</sup> & Woolworth Ave. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **3-3-20.** To approve a \$10,000 Justice Dept. grant for a DNA ID laboratory for the police dept. to ID suspects with DNA profiles. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **3-10-20.** To approve a \$69,120 Justice Dept. grant for a crime-reporting system. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To approve a \$17,526 Justice Dept. grant for a crisis intervention team website and technical support. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **4-28-20.** To accept a \$63,067 Justice Dept. grant for police targeted enforcement operations 1-1-20 = 6-30-20. **YES**, with taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- **6-2-20.** To extend city state of emergency for up to 1 week because of rioting and looting. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Harding, Melton, Pahls, Palermo. **NO, against taxpayers:** Jerram.
- **6-16-20.** To approve an agreement with Douglas Co. for a \$182,868 Justice Dept. grant for law enforcement equipment, prosecutor and jail programs, technical improvements, and training. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To fund mentoring services for at-risk youth for an additional 6 months. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- 7-14-20. To encourage the state legislature to place a ballot question at a primary or general election to repeal the ban on reverse discrimination in employment and contracting in NE government. YES, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Jerram, Pahls, Palermo. NO, with taxpayers: Harding.
- **7-21-20.** To lease equipment for digital fingerprinting for police dept. for 5 years with option to renew for 5 years. Cost: \$3,257 annually. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To accept a \$40,000 NE Crime Commission grant for the police dept. gang unit for a firearms DNA testing program from 7-1-2020 to 6-30-2021. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- 7-28-20. To add provisions prohibiting housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identification. YES, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To purchase \$25,865 of night vision equipment for police dept. **YES**, with taxpayers: Harding, Melton, Pahls, Palermo. **NO**, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Jerram.
- **8-18-20.** To increase budget appropriations to a General Fund community service program, Set Me Free, by \$50,000 and decrease appropriations to the contingency liability fund by \$50,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To increase budget appropriations to Women Against Violence program by \$25,000 and decrease appropriation to the contingency liability fund by \$25,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.
- To increase budget appropriations to redundant Heartland Workforce Solutions by \$50,000 and decrease appropriations to the contingency liability fund by \$50,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To increase budget appropriations to the Center for Holistic Development by \$15,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

An additional \$25,000 appropriation to the Mayor's office. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Palermo. NO, with taxpayers: Melton, Pahls.

To increase appropriations to community service programs by \$1,850,000 and decrease appropriations to the Cash Reserve Fund by \$1,850,000, a resolution supported by the pro-communist Nebraskans for Peace. **YES, against** taxpavers: Festersen, Grav. Jerram, Palermo. **NO. with taxpavers:** Harding, Melton, Pahls.

To increase budgeted restricted funds for FY 2021 by 1%. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To adopt the FY 2020-2021 revised city budget. **YES, against taxpayers:** Gray, Harding, Melton, Pahls, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Jerram (only because it was not sufficiently liberal).

To pay \$550,000 to the mother of Anthony Bear Heels, who police had to tase repeatedly because of his refusal to stop fighting with police officers. **YES**, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**8-25-20.** To approve an interlocal law enforcement cooperative agreement for mutual assistance among several area law enforcement departments. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$63,221 to Heartland Family Services to rehouse homeless individuals and families over 1 year. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$45,000 to provide shelter for 850 homeless individuals and families at a shelter over 1 year. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$63,221 to leftist Together Inc. to rehouse homeless individuals and families. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To accept a \$102,392 NE Crime Commission grant for the Police Dept. targeted enforcement between 1-1-20 and 6-30-21. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To override a mayoral veto of the \$25,000 additional appropriation to her office. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Jerram, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Harding, Melton, Pahls. Veto not overridden.

To retain the same property tax rate in the FY 2020-2021 budget. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**9-15-20.** To appropriate \$167,663 to the Siena-Francis House to shelter homeless individuals and families for 1 year. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**9-29-20.** To purchase and install 586 police body cameras and 586 tasers, including training and support, costing \$5,476,738. **YES, with taxpavers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To accept a \$348,710 Justice Dept. grant for law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, prosecution and court programs, and corrections programs to Sept. 30, 2023. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**10-6-20.** To accept a \$124,583 Justice Dept. grant for community policing from 9-1-20 to 8-31-22. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**10-20-20.** To approve Ernie Chambers Dr. as a commemorative street name in North Omaha along Florence Blvd. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$76,873 for ballistic vest systems for Omaha police officers. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To accept a \$348,710 Justice Dept. grant for law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, prosecution and court programs, and community corrections programs. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**10-27-20.** To appropriate \$210,000 to the Women's Center for Advancement to provide housing for homeless families and individuals, from 3-1-20 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$370,000 to the leftist Together Inc. from 3-6-20 to 12-31-21 for social programs. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**11-24-20.** To accept a \$118,941 Justice Dept. grant from 10-1-20 to 9-20-23 to implement a deterrent strategy to reduce gang violence, illegal gun possession, and gun violence in a target area. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To accept up to \$30 million in CARES Act funds from the state and Douglas County to reimburse for incurred city pandemic expenses. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To approve the Omaha police union contract that added Juneteenth as a paid holiday, costing taxpayers \$400,000 annually. Other city employees did not receive this holiday. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To urge the Legislature to repeal Initiative 424, passed in 2008, that prohibited reverse discrimination against Whites in NE. YES, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Jerram, Palermo. NO, with taxpayers: Harding, Melton.

To urge the Legislature to introduce a bill to require postal service mailing with the lien amount attached instead of the more expensive publication of notice. **YES**, with taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

12-8-20. To retain membership in the League of NE Municipalities and pay \$81,495 annual dues. The League routinely lobbies against taxpayers. YES, against taxpayers: Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$50,000 for Set Me Free project programs from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. These entities should rely on private donations. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$60,000 to the Latino Center for Midlands for a program from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$30,000 to Rejuvenating Women to operate a program from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$500,000 to the African-American Empowerment Network to operate a program from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$90,000 to the Urban League of NE to operate a youth attendance navigator program from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To appropriate \$711,164 to Heartland Workforce Solutions to operate programs from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To reimburse the new Parks Dept. director \$6,068 for moving expenses. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

To issue new sanitary sewage revenue bonds to improve the city sanitary sewage system. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**12-15-20.** To support a U.S. Space Command hq at OAFB. **YES, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**12-22-20.** To appropriate \$100,000 to the Siena Francis House to operate rehousing services from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Pahls, Palermo.

**1-12-21.** To accept a \$15,200 NE Dept. of Transportation grant from 12-18-20 to 1-1-21 for a sober driver program. **YES, with taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

**2-9-21.** To re-appoint Susie Buffett to the MECA Board of Directors for 5 years. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

**2-23-21.** To appropriate to Keep Omaha Beautiful \$50,000 to promote storm water pollution prevention and public education activities in 2021. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

**3-9-21.** To appropriate \$20,000 to Freedomtainment in North Omaha for entertainment activities and celebration. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$25,000 for a North Omaha music festival. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$40,000 for North Omaha jazz facilities maintenance and marketing. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$31,000 for North Omaha performing arts and exhibitions. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Melton, Palermo.

**3-23-21.** As recommended by the Mayor, an agreement between the City of Omaha and Civic Nebraska, a radical leftwing group, for \$20,000 to operate the ONE Omaha Leadership Series from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

**3-30-21.** To approve rezoning from single family residential to zoning for apartments at 178<sup>th</sup> & Pacific Streets, despite unanimous neighborhood opposition. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Gray, Jerram, Melton, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Brennan, Harding.

**4-13-21.** To approve a Harney Street bike lane project between Midtown and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$250,000 to the leftist Together, Inc. to give emergency shelter to homeless people from 1-1-21 to 6-30-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$379,835 to Community Alliance Services to provide street outreach services to the homeless from 3-6-20 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To accept a \$474,091 federal grant from 1-1-21 to 12-31-22 to support anti-crime and anti-drug city initiatives. **YES**, with taxpavers: Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

**4-20-21.** To approve a minority economic equity and inclusion plan for contracts of \$500,000 or more and for most professional services of \$100,000 or more and create penalties for non-compliance. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To increase from \$45,000 to \$212,663 appropriations to the Stephen Center for homeless from 7-1-20 to 6-30-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$402,337 to leftist Together, Inc. for rapid rehousing and street outreach services for the homeless from 3-6-20 to 12-31-21. **YES, against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

To appropriate \$86,514 to the Women's Center for Advancement for a 24-hour crisis line from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21. **YES**, against taxpayers: Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.

- **5-4-21.** To approve a 5-yr. agreement between the Dept. of Homeland Security and the city to provide 4 explosive detection canine teams. **YES, with taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.
- **5-18-21.** To support the recommendation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct an unneeded dam in northern Douglas County and southern Washington County. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.
- **5-25-21.** To appropriate \$200,000 for police uniforms and equipment. **YES, with taxpayers:** Brennan, Festersen, Gray, Harding, Jerram, Melton, Palermo.
- **6-8-21.** To accept an \$843,058 grant from the NE Emergency Management Agency through 8-31-22 to provide first responders and emergency management agencies in the metro area with enhanced capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from manmade and natural disasters. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **6-29-21.** To urge the Douglas Co. purchasing dept. to prioritize selection of an electronic bidding platform for city goods, services, and contracts. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **7-13-21.** To approve an agreement between Omaha and the NE Preparedness Partnership for an \$89,500 grant for enhanced security of critical infrastructure assets. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

In several instances, to waive the requirement to provide an address when addressing the city council. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**7-20-21.** To approve an agreement between Omaha and the Behavioral Health Support Foundation between 1-1-2021 and 12-31-2024 to continue to fund the Co-Responder program at the police dept. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To approve an agreement between Omaha and the NE State Patrol for a \$389,668 Justice Dept. grant for 2 forensic scientists to test sex assault kits from the police dept. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To approve an agreement between Omaha and the NE State Probation District for a \$5,985 Justice Dept. grant to prevent gun and gang violence by adult probationers. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To give a proposed casino at 63<sup>rd</sup> & Q Streets tax increment financing of up to \$17.5 million. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Rowe.

7-27-21. To implement a new solution to help the Fire Dept. in inspection testing and maintenance of fire protection systems for 3 years. YES, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appoint leftist Ben Gray to the Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Harding, Melton, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Begley, Johnson, Palermo.

**8-17-25.** To increase appropriation to Community Alliance programs by \$90,000 and decrease appropriation to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$90,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. To increase appropriation to Keep Omaha Beautiful by \$15,000 and decrease appropriation to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$15,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To increase appropriation for a Small Business consultant by \$40,000 and decrease appropriation to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$40,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Melton, Rowe.

To increase appropriations to city council administration by \$15,000 and decrease appropriations to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$15,000. YES, against taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo. NO, with taxpayers: Melton, Rowe.

To increase appropriation to Heartland Workforce Development by \$40,000 and decrease appropriation to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$40,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. To increase appropriation for county rental welfare assistance by \$50,000 and decrease appropriation to the Contingency Liability Fund by \$50,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$300,000 to the North Saddle Creek Business District for streetscapes, for which private contributions could pay. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$1.25 million for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan program from 2023 to 2027. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Melton, Rowe.

To appropriate \$500,000 for a permanent Harney Str. bike lane. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Melton, Rowe.

To increase by 1% budgeted restricted funds for FY 2021-2022. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$55,787 for 2 mailings of the wasteline newsletter to residents to advise them about how to throw out their garbage. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**9-14-21.** To accept a \$408,750 grant from the Omaha Police Foundation to buy software for the police dept. Digital Forensics Squad. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To purchase a new police helicopter with pilot and staff training. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**9-28-21.** To accept a \$409,839 Justice Dept. grant for law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, and corrections programs from 10-1-21 to 9-30-24. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$40,000 NE Crime Commission grant from 7-1-21 to 6-30-22 to fund the police dept. gang unit firearms DNA testing program. YES, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**10-19-21.** To accept a \$6,019 Justice Dept. grant to prevent and stop gun and gang violence committed by adult probationers. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$16,982 Justice Dept. grant to fund law enforcement, equipment, prosecutor programs, and technical improvements and training. YES, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

10-26-21. To appropriate \$60,000 to Schemmer Associates to provide professional services for residential snow plowing. YES, against taxpayers: Festersen, Melton. NO, with taxpayers: Begley, Harding, Johnson, Palermo.

**11-2-21.** Same as above. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Harding, Melton, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Begley, Johnson, Palermo.

To accept a \$58,116 DEA grant from 10-1-21 to 9-30-22 to reimburse overtime for a law enforcement task force. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**11-9-21.** To allow a group living home on south 75<sup>th</sup> Street, against neighbor wishes. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept 2 \$50,000 Justice Dept. grants to fund 2 gang specialist positions. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$409,839 Justice Dept. grant from 10-1-20 to 9-30-24 to provide law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, jail programs, and evaluation and tech improvement programs. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$63,221 to the leftist Together, Inc. group to rehouse homeless people. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$77,427 for 140 ballistic vests for police. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$244,790 for license renewal and technical maintenance for police Automatic Field Reporting. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$50,000 to the Simple Foundation for safe places to learn and play, from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

11-23-21. To appropriate \$21,440 to retain membership in the National League of Cities. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$100,000 to the Siena Francis House to house vagrants from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$49,193 NE Crime Commission grant for Omaha police to monitor high crime areas to ensure community safety, from 7-1-21 to 6-30-22. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. That the city and city council support development of a climate action plan for the metro area. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Melton.

To urge the Legislature to pass a bill to help fight catalytic converter thefts. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To urge the Legislature to pass a bill to require wireless companies to give better notice to neighbors when locating their poles in front of residences. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To support LB 453, a bill to force landlords to comply with burdensome regulations. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Harding, Melton.

**12-7-21.** To approve a 3-yr. renewal of annual subscription services with Shotspotter Inc. for \$218,247 annually for warranty, maintenance, monitoring, and support for gunshot location system for years 2022, 2023, and 2024. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

A Melton resolution for city to introduce a legislative bill to amend liquor licensing laws to place private liquor clubs under bottle club laws. YES, with taxpayers: Harding, Melton, Rowe. NO, against taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo.

To appropriate \$40,000 for minority group scholarships from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$38,705 to the Banister Leadership Academy for family support programs, not a city responsibility, from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$20,000 to the Rejuvenate Women's program from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$42,000 to the Set Me Free program from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To pay an increased shift differential for street maintenance employees assigned to winter shifts. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**12-14-21.** To add Boys Town to an interlocal law enforcement agency agreement to provide and allow the exercise of extraterritorial law enforcement authority in specific situations. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$456,726 NE Emergency Management Agency grant from 9-1-21 to 8-31-24 to detect, deter, disrupt, and prevent terrorism. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**12-21-21.** To appropriate \$90,000 to operate an Urban League youth program from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$500,000 to the African-American Empowerment Network to operate a welfare program from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**1-25-22.** To approve tax increment financing for a casino and racetrack complex at 63<sup>rd</sup> & Q Streets, totaling \$17.5 million. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Rowe. To increase powers of the city Human Rights & Relations Board. This revision compels individuals to attend by subpoena and face examination as witnesses under oath, also force individuals and businesses to produce private correspondence. This bureaucracy is not an official legal jurisdiction and should not have such powers and authority. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Harding, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Festersen, Johnson.

**2-1-22.** To accept a Police Foundation \$347,126 grant for Omaha police to fund threat assessment and response projects from 1-1-22 to 12-31-23. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. To accept a \$100,937 U.S. Justice Dept. grant for Omaha police overtime operations from 10-12-21 to 9-30-22. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$119,195 U.S. Justice Dept. grant for training and technical assistance, data analysis, for eradicating gun crime and gang violence, from 10-1-21 to 9-30-24. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$50,000 to Keep Omaha Beautiful for spring and fall cleanups, an expense that private sources could fund. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$212,461 to create a city affordable housing plan, between 1-1-22 and 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$90,000 to Community Alliance Rehab Services for family education services, from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**2-8-22.** To raise sewer connection fees for Omaha households. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To require operators charging a tow fee or storage fee to provide a receipt to individuals reclaiming a vehicle. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**2-15-22.** To accept a \$20,000 U.S. Justice Dept. grant for the Omaha Police Dept. to fund overtime, equipment, and supplies, and to suppress Omaha drug trafficking, from 10-1-21 to 9-30-22. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$50,000 U.S. Justice Dept. grant to fund 2 gang specialists for the Omaha Police Dept. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe.

- **3-1-22.** To appropriate \$41,445 for pepper ball launchers and projectiles and maintenance kits for the Omaha Police Dept. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **3-8-22.** To accept a \$197,747 U.S. Justice Dept. grant for law enforcement equipment, prosecutor programs, and technical improvements and training. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **3-15-22.** To help the Omaha Police Dept. track stolen catalytic converters to reduce thefts. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To provide office space in Washington, D.C. and Chicago for the Omaha Visitors Bureau to increase access to meeting planners and promote Omaha for conventions and meetings, from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. Cost: \$49,327, with an option to extend the contract for 2 years. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**3-29-22.** To give tax increment financing to a 195-unit apartment house development at Pacific Str. and Saddle Creek Rd., despite 100% neighborhood objection. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To advance a plan for a streetcar and equitable and diverse subsidized housing. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept \$26,994 in university funding for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**4-5-22.** To approve an interlocal agreement between the city and Metro to form an Omaha Streetcar Authority, which may later levy a new property tax. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Johnson, Melton.

To donate 300 expired armored vests to the Ukraine Federal Police. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To require executive and legislative approval of city health director orders. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Harding, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Johnson.

- **4-12-22.** To appropriate \$84,000 for marketing services for city parking. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **4-26-22.** To utilize design-build contracts, which save taxpayers money. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo.
- **5-3-22.** To appropriate \$11,167,861 to a company to administer and distribute federal pandemic funds for rent and utility assistance. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$29,184 for gas masks and filters for the Omaha Police Dept. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate up to \$4,489,600 of federal pandemic funds to Omaha hotels that suffered financial losses from the pandemic. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe. **Did not vote:** Melton.

- **5-17-22.** To appoint leftist radical Cammy Watkins as an Omaha Housing Authority commissioner for 5 years. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **6-7-22.** To accept a \$474,091 National Drug Control grant from 1-1-22 = 12-31-23. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.
- **6-28-22.** To approve a redevelopment agreement between the city and the Omaha Streetcar Authority to design, build, maintain, and operate a streetcar system with public infrastructure and improvements, with up to \$356,400 in tax increment financing. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. To appropriate \$3.4 million to fund preliminary engineering and design work for a streetcar system. **YES, against**

taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**7-19-22.** To accept a \$20,250 NE Commission on Law Enforcement grant from 7-1-22 to 6-30-23 to fund the Omaha Police Dept. firearms DNA testing program. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To award a \$51,400 contract to Dundee Digital for promotional videography for the public library, despite one lower bid. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To award a \$96,519 contract for Omaha Police Dept. pilot training. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To award a \$56,550 contract to train 3 police dept. pilots. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To award a \$25,637 contract for a surveillance communications system for the police dept. criminal investigations bureau. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To award a \$149,298 contract for a latent print digital system for the police dept. forensics investigation unit. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$554,391 national drug grant from 1-1-21 to 12-31-22 to combat illegal guns and drugs. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**7-26-22.** To appropriate \$1,214,182 to purchase equipment to allow 911 operators to speak with police cruisers. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$30,000 Justice Dept. grant from 7-2022 to 8-2022 to support police department overtime operations. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To appropriate \$40,000 to the NE Center for Workforce Development for a program from 7-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To make an agreement with Front Porch Investments to administer \$20 million in federal pandemic funds for subsidized housing. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To approve \$3,000 in premium pay for each city employee this year. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**8-2-22.** To appropriate \$400,000 to the African-American Empowerment Network for job training from 1-1-22 to 12-31-22. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To pay the National League of Cities Race, Equity, and Leadership Team \$131,725 for consultation services. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**8-23-22.** That the publication of notice relating to an initiative petition be placed in only 1 city designated newspaper, saving petitioner expenses. **YES**, **with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. To allow for an increase in size the city Cash Reserve Fund from 8% to 12% of the budget. **YES**, **with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To require that the city Master Plan address subsidized housing development and sustained development. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To insert sexual orientation and gender ID as entitled to equal protection under the city charter, despite this guarantee already assumed in the city charter. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**8-30-22.** To accept a \$49,193 NE Commission on Law Enforcement grant from 7-1-22 to 6-30-23 to fund police overtime for crime prevention, enforcement, and suppression operations. **YES**, **with taxpayers**: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To accept a \$527,000 Justice Dept. grant from 3-15-22 to 9-30-24 to implement a violence prevention program. **YES**, with taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

Resolution to prepare and make available on the Finance Dept. website an annual report on the status of all city bonds. **YES, with taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

**9-13-22.** To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in the community service programs by \$25,000 for Rejuvenating Women and decreasing appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$25,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in the community service programs by \$50,000 for the Omaha Sports Comm. and decreasing appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$50,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in the community service programs by \$40,000 for the NE Center for Workforce Development and decreasing appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$40,000. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in community service programs by \$10,000 for the Collective for Youth and decreasing appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$10,000. YES, against taxpayers: Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in community service programs by \$50,000 for Keep Omaha Beautiful and decreasing appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$50,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

To revise the FY 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations in community service programs by \$24,000 for the Football for the World Foundation, South Omaha Lady of Guadalupe Youth Sports, Junior Packers, and Midwest Trailblazers and decrease appropriations in contingency liability funds by \$24,000. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo, Rowe.

That the city council affirms its support for development of a climate action plan for the Omaha Metro Area and to hire a consultant to devise the plan. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Johnson, Palermo. **NO, with taxpayers:** Harding, Melton, Rowe.

To make permanent the Harney Str. bike lane. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Melton, Palermo, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Johnson.

By a vote by more than 75% of the city council, budgeted restricted funds for the FY 2022-23 budget can be increased by 1%. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo. **Absent:** Rowe.

To pay \$987,495 annual dues to the liberal League of NE Municipalities. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Melton, Palermo. **Absent:** Rowe.

**9-20-22.** To appropriate to a consortium \$1,774,032 to administer and distribute federal pandemic funds to people for rent and utility aid. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Palermo, Rowe. **Absent:** Johnson, Melton.

To pay a consultant \$23,500 plus travel expenses to assist the city to find a new Director of Human Rights. **YES, against taxpayers:** Festersen, Harding, Rowe. **NO, with taxpayers:** Begley, Palermo. **Absent:** Johnson, Melton.

To give \$450,000 in federal pandemic funds to the NOW initiative. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe. **Absent:** Melton.

To evaluate locating a permanent protected bike lane on Harney Street or elsewhere and fund the pilot program extension. **YES, against taxpayers:** Begley, Festersen, Harding, Johnson, Palermo, Rowe. **Absent:** Melton.

**9-27-22.** A revote on paying a consultant \$23,500 plus travel expenses to assist the city to find a new Director of Human Rights. **YES**, **against taxpayers:** Festersen, Harding, Melton, Rowe. **NO**, **with taxpayers:** Begley, Johnson, Palermo. 10-

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