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Date: February 14, 2019
To: Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
From: City of Overland Park
Re: SB 105 – Proponent

The City of Overland Park (“City”) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support SB 105. This legislation would allow cities to have flexibility selecting their governing bodies’ term commencement dates. This change is supported in the City’s 2019 Legislative Policy Agenda.

Allowing local discretion on term commencement dates is good public policy. Some cities may support the current statewide commencement date (second Monday in January) in order to allow time for orientation activities for newly-elected officials. Other cities may place a higher value on newly-elected officials taking office as soon as possible after their election. Either way, SB 105 allows cities to select the policy that best fits their needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 105. We respectfully request that the Committee advance SB 105 to the full Senate.